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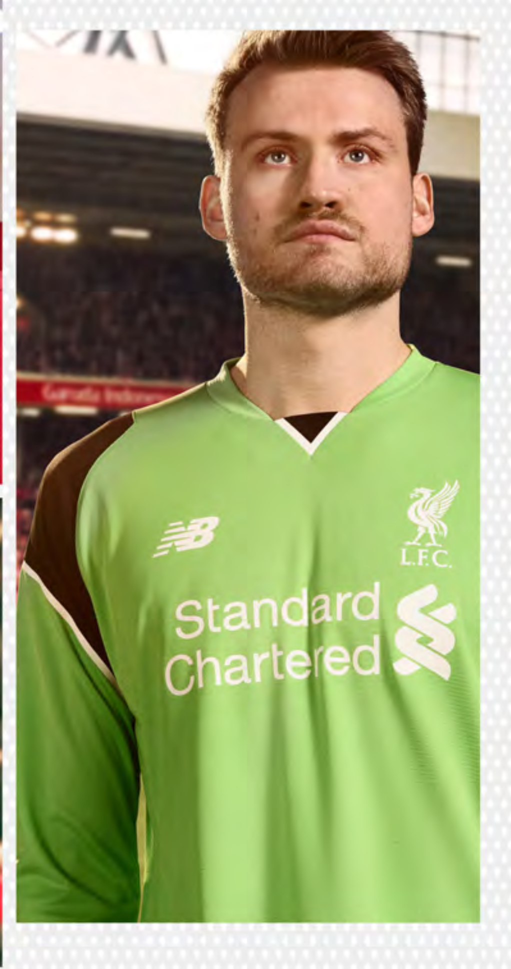
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How fans and players reacted to the Inquests plus a look at how Hillsborough has been remembered down the years



Liverpool and Everton scarves are intertwined, signifying the bond between the clubs since the unlawful deaths of 96 fans at Hillsborough in 1989. Inside we look at some of the events that have taken place since the Hillsborough Independent Panel's findings in 2012

Forever in



A momentous few days for the club and the city 27 years after Hillsborough

Following the conclusion of last month's Hillsborough inquests, when the jury returned a determination of unlawful killing in the deaths of 96 supporters on 15 April 1989, the city of Liverpool paid tribute to those we lost and their families. The Town Hall and St George's Hall were both illuminated in red, while YNWA was projected upon St John's Beacon.

The next day 30,000 people attended a vigil at St George's Plateau and the names of the 96 were read out. Earlier Liverpool FC chairman Tom Werner said: "We have been moved and inspired by the great courage shown by the families and survivors. We feel deep sorrow for their loss, take inspiration from their campaign and express gratitude for bringing honour to the club through their conduct during this cruelly prolonged process. At Liverpool Football Club and across the footballing world, the 96 will never be forgotten."

The events followed an emotional 27th and final Hillsborough Memorial Service at Anfield when 96 doves were released. They preceded shows of solidarity across the Premier League the following weekend while in midweek Spanish club Villarreal also paid tribute to the 96 at the first leg of the Europa League semi-final with the Reds.

our hearts



never forgotten 96

Chronicling the commemorative events since the Hillsborough Independent Panel announced its findings in September 2012

THE TRUTH

On Wednesday 12 September 2012 the Hillsborough Independent Panel announced its findings into the tragedy of 15 April 1989. Later that evening members of the families joined club officials and supporters for a vigil at St George's Hall, with thousands gathering to remember the 96.

GOODISON WITH LOVE

The following Monday evening there was a wonderful show of solidarity at Goodison Park before Everton's Premier League home match with Newcastle United. The teams were led out by young mascots wearing blue and red jerseys with the numbers 9 and 6 on their backs. They then stood side by side in the centre-circle.

96 RED BALLOONS

Liverpool FC's first home game after the findings was against Manchester United on Sunday 23 September, and Anfield marked the occasion by paying its respects. Before kick-off fans held up red-and-white cards to form mosaics across four sides of the stadium, Steven Gerrard and Ryan Giggs released 96 red balloons from the centre-circle, and ahead of the match both sets of players wore special jackets with the number 96 on the reverse. Skipper Steven, who lost 10-year-old cousin Jon-Paul Gilhooley at Hillsborough, scored during the game and pointed upwards as he celebrated.

XMAS NUMBER 1

Towards the end of the year the single *He Ain't Heavy (He's My Brother)* was recorded and released in six weeks, becoming the Christmas no1 with profits helping the families fund the costs of the new inquests. Among those involved were: Sir Paul McCartney, Gerry Marsden, Peter Hooton, Robbie Williams, Holly Johnson, John Power, John Bishop, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen.




Steven scores in September 2012



The team behind the Christmas song


Blue and red united at Goodison Park



ANFIELD REMEMBERS

For the Memorial Service at Anfield on Monday 15 April 2013 the Kop was full as usual with support from players at every level as well as club directors, management and coaching staff. Readings were given by John W Henry and Everton FC's Bill Kenwright, and the service ended with an address from Margaret Aspinall, chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, and the singing of YNWA as 96 balloons were released.

IRON LADY

The following Thursday, campaigner Anne Williams, whose son Kevin died in the tragedy, passed away in the early hours of the morning. It was Anne's fight to get her son's inquest verdict of accidental death overturned that is credited with leading to fresh hearings for all 96 supporters who died. On Sunday 21 April, before Liverpool's Premier League game with Chelsea, Anfield held a minute's applause in memory of both Anne and those affected by the Boston Marathon bombings. Rafael Benitez, then managing Chelsea, left a single rose at the Hillsborough Memorial for Anne.

OUR OWN PATCH

To help mark the 25th anniversary in 2014 the club launched an official commemorative Patch for the 96



Kop tribute to Anne Williams

Reds and Red Devils

Kop mosaic in 2014

which could be purchased by fans with all proceeds going to Hillsborough families. The Reds first team showed their support by wearing the patch for their final three home games in the Premier League.

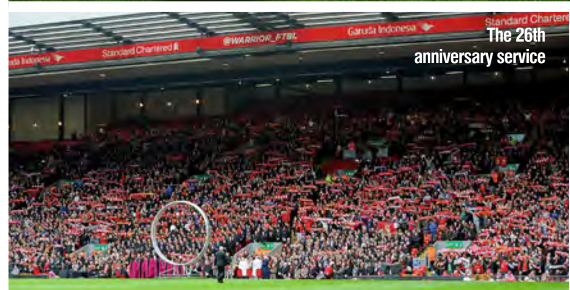
CITY TRIBUTE

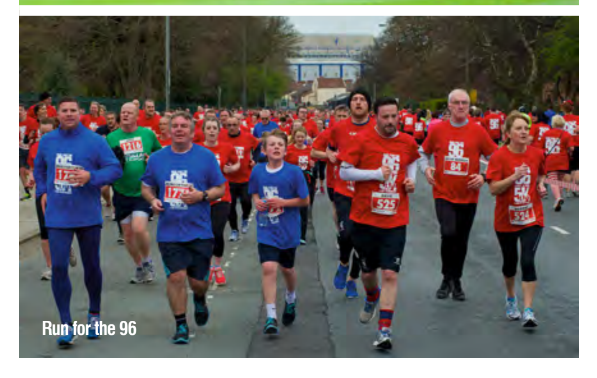
After a stirring rendition of *You'll Never Walk Alone*, the home game against Manchester City on Sunday 13 April 2014 kicked off at 13:37pm, in deference to the 25th anniversary of Hillsborough (every football match in the country kicked off seven minutes late that weekend). Before the game Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush had received a floral red-and-blue tribute from City legends Joe Corrigan, Mike Summerbee and Tony Book, and there was a minute's silence and a Kop mosaic. City, whose visiting fans held up a banner reading 'YNWA 96', also took out a one-page tribute in the matchday programme.

GAME ON

On Easter Monday 21 April 2014 a sell-out Anfield welcomed a host of Liverpool legends for the showpiece event of the Celebration of the 96 day. Organised to not only raise funds but also celebrate the lives of the 96 people who died, the match between LFC Local Legends, managed by Kenny Dalglish, and LFC International Legends, managed by Gerard Houllier, ended 2-2. Among those playing were Robbie Fowler, Michael Owen, Gary McAllister, Luis Garcia, Ian Rush, John Aldridge and Sami Hyypia. All proceeds were split between the HFSG and Liverpool FC Foundation.


The Celebration of the 96 match at Anfield


The 26th anniversary service


Run for the 96

THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday 15 April 2015 there was a day of themed programming to mark the 26th anniversary, free on the club's official TV station LFCTV, with coverage from the Memorial Service at Anfield taking centre-stage.

FUN RUN

The following Sunday saw the inaugural *Run for the 96* 5k, partnered by Liverpool FC Foundation and Everton in the Community with all funds split equally between them. Almost 2,500 runners, wearing red and blue, started and finished in Stanley Park. Over the same weekend there was also a minute's silence at Premier League matches to mark the 30th anniversary of the Valley Parade fire disaster which resulted in 56 Bradford City supporters losing their lives.

Tweets of the month





Sheila Coleman
@SheilaColeman96
John Glover, Anne Williams, finally the truth of how your children died #JFT96



Jon Flanagan
@jon_flan93
I've never been so proud to come from this great city of ours... Finally after 27 years the truth and justice prevails #jft96



Andy Burnham
@andyburnhammp
27 years too late ... but we got there. Thank you all for your unbelievable and unstinting support.







Everton
@Everton
VIDEO: Footage from Goodison's emotional tribute to the families who lost loved ones at Hillsborough. #JFT96



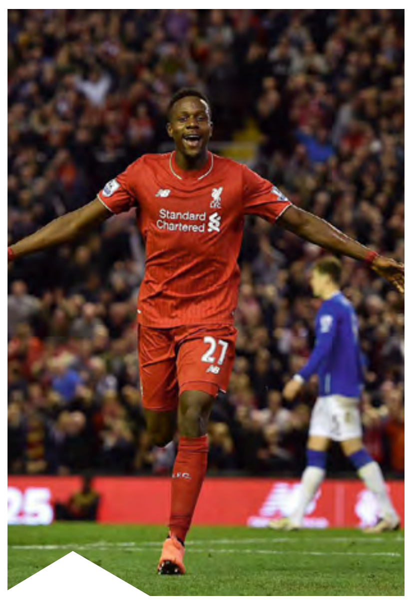
Ian Rush
@Ian_Rush9
Feeling waves of emotion after watching the #Hillsborough doc! #JFT96



Jamie Carragher
@Carra23
Fantastic by all but a special mention for Emre Can who was outstanding!



John Arne Riise
@JARiiseOfficial
Liverpool have been absolutely brilliant tonight! Brilliant! The fans have pushed them on with AMAZING support tonight! Anfield, nothing better





Divock Origi #27
@DivockOrigi
That feeling when you score in a Merseyside derby

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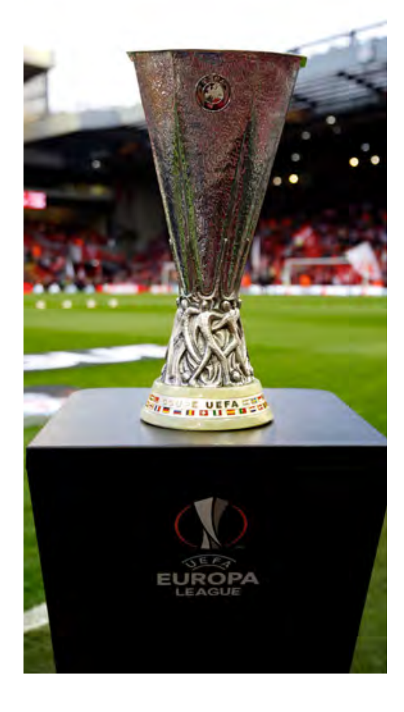
SWISS ROLL

All routes lead to Basel in the middle of the month as the Reds sign off for the 2015/16 season by competing in their 12th European final.

The Reds will take on La Liga outfit Sevilla in the UEFA Europa League final at St Jakob-Park on Wednesday 18 May aiming to prevent the Spaniards winning the competition for the third time in a row. The winners, of course, will gain the added prize of competing in next season's UEFA Champions League.

After leading his side to their second final in three months, Reds boss Jürgen Klopp said: "In the middle of May we will go there and we will try our best and try to do everything for this wonderful club. Throughout 2016, the team has showed a lot of times what they are capable of and what they could be capable of in the future. That's a really good sign. That's more important for me as a manager.

"But then when you perform in the right moments like we did against Villarreal, or against Dortmund or against United or Augsburg then you want to have more. That's what we will try for now. Europe is big and a lot of teams want to go to finals, it's not too easy. Now we are there. It's a great opportunity and we will take it as an opportunity."



ON: MAY



Baggies finale



Jürgen Klopp's men will sign off their Barclays Premier league season with a trip to The Hawthorns on Sunday 15 May. The two sides shared an entertaining 2-2 draw earlier in the season with Divock Origi grabbing an equaliser deep into stoppage-time, prompting the boss to have the team salute the Kop after the final whistle.



CITY CLASH

Liverpool Ladies will be aiming to avenge an opening-day defeat when they host early-season pacesetters Manchester City Women in the FA Women's Super League on Wednesday 25 May. The Reds lost 0-2 to City in the FA Women's Cup in March and will be looking to reverse that result when the sides come face-to-face again at the Select Security Stadium in Widnes. Kick-off is at 6.30pm. Reds boss Scott Rogers says: "It's been up and down so far but we knew it would be with a new team. We'll improve as the season goes on."

Birthdays and Euro anniversaries

Tommy Lawrence 76 on 14 May
Ryan Fulton 20 on 23 May
Joe Gomez 19 on 23 May
Torben Piechnik 53 on 21 May
Nicky Tanner 51 on 24 May
Jimmy Case 62 on 18 May
Vladimir Smicer 43 on 24 May
Steven Gerrard 36 on 30 May
Adam Lallana 28 on 10 May
Pedro Chirivella 19 on 23 May
Howard Gayle 58 on 18 May
Samed Yesil 22 on 25 May

43 years since Liverpool defeated Borussia Moenchengladbach to win the UEFA Cup on 10 May – the club's first European trophy

38 years since Liverpool beat Bruges to successfully defend the European Cup on 10 May courtesy of Kenny Dalglish's wondrous little chip

11 years since the Miracle of Istanbul on 25/26 May (it really did last for two days, technically-speaking)

39 years since Liverpool claimed their first European Cup on 25 May – the glory that was Rome!

35 years since Alan Kennedy gave the Reds European Cup number three on 27 May

15 years since Alaves' Delfi Geli's dramatic 'golden own-goal' gave the Reds their third UEFA Cup

FIXTURE LIST 2015/2016

AUGUST		
Sun 9	Stoke City (A)	1-0
Mon 17	AFC Bournemouth (H)	1-0
Mon 24	Arsenal (A)	0-0
Sat 29	West Ham United (H)	0-3
SEPTEMBER		
Sat 12	Manchester United (A)	1-3
Thu 17	Bordeaux (A, Europa Lge M1)	1-1
Sun 20	Norwich City (H)	1-1
Wed 23	Carlisle United (H, COC 3) (won 3-2 on penalties)	1-1
Sat 26	Aston Villa (H)	3-2
OCTOBER		
Thu 1	FC Sion (H, Europa Lge M2)	1-1
Sun 4	Everton (A)	1-1
Sat 17	Tottenham Hotspur (A)	0-0
Thu 22	Rubin Kazan (H, Europa Lge M3)	1-1
Sun 25	Southampton (H)	1-1
Wed 28	Bournemouth (H, COC 4)	1-0
Sat 31	Chelsea (A)	3-1
NOVEMBER		
Thu 5	Rubin Kazan (A, Europa Lge M4)	1-0
Sun 8	Crystal Palace (H)	1-2
Sat 21	Manchester City (A)	4-1
Thu 26	Bordeaux (H, Europa Lge M5)	2-1
Sun 29	Swansea City (H)	1-0
DECEMBER		
Wed 2	Southampton (H, COC 5)	6-1
Sun 6	Newcastle United (A)	0-2
Thu 10	FC Sion (A, Europa Lge M6)	0-0
Sun 13	West Brom Albion (H)	2-2
Sun 20	Watford (A)	0-3
Sat 26	Leicester City (H)	1-0
Wed 30	Sunderland (A)	1-0
JANUARY		
Sat 2	West Ham United (A)	0-2
Tue 5	Stoke City (A, COC S-F)	1-0
Fri 8	Exeter City (A, FAC 3)	2-2
Wed 13	Arsenal (H)	3-3
Sun 17	Manchester United (H)	0-1
Wed 20	Exeter City (H, FAC 3 replay)	3-0
Sat 23	Norwich City (A)	5-4
Tue 26	Stoke City (H, COC S-F) (won 6-5 on penalties)	0-1
Sat 30	West Ham (H, FAC 4)	0-0
FEBRUARY		
Tue 2	Leicester City (A)	0-2
Sat 6	Sunderland (H)	2-2
Tue 9	West Ham United (A, FAC 4 replay)	1-2
Sun 14	Aston Villa (A)	6-0
Thu 18	Augsburg (A, Europa Lge R32)	0-0
Thu 25	Augsburg (H, Europa Lge R32)	1-0
Sun 28	Man City (N, Capital One Cup final) (lost 3-1 on penalties)	1-1
MARCH		
Wed 2	Manchester City (H)	3-0
Sun 6	Crystal Palace (A)	2-1
Thu 10	Manchester Utd (H, Europa Lge R32)	2-0
Thu 17	Manchester Utd (H, Europa Lge R32)	1-1
Sun 20	Southampton (A)	2-3
APRIL		
Sat 2	Tottenham Hotspur (H)	1-1
Thu 7	Borussia Dortmund (A, Europa L QF)	1-1
Sun 10	Stoke City (H)	4-1
Thu 14	Borussia Dortmund (H, Europa L QF)	4-3
Sat 16	Bournemouth (A)	2-1
Wed 20	Everton (H)	4-0
Sat 23	Newcastle (H)	2-2
Sat 30	Swansea City (A)	1-3
MAY		
Sat 7	Watford (H)	2-0
Wed 11	Chelsea (H)	
Sun 15	West Bromwich Albion (A, 3pm)	
Wed 18	Sevilla (Basel, Europa League final, 7.45pm)	



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FOOTBALL

Exclusive interviews with three players, a fab book extract from a hero of 2005, plus a celebration of the class of 1985/86

Daniel Sturridge is mobbed after scoring at Anfield. How many of the no15's first 50 LFC goals came at the Kop end? Answer on p98

"ONE THING YOU CAN NEVER LEVEL AT THIS LIVERPOOL TEAM IS THAT WE GIVE IN OR DON'T GIVE OUR ALL"

James Milner talks us through that epic night against Borussia Dortmund, the power of team spirit and what the future holds under Jürgen Klopp





How James created that goal for Lovren

When the dust settles on Liverpool's 2015/16 season, some memories will stand the test of time longer than others. Let's be honest, nobody will be telling the grandkids where they were on the night the Reds drew 0-0 away to Sion, but the epic Europa League quarter-final second leg against Borussia Dortmund at Anfield is a rather different matter.

Conceding two goals in the opening nine minutes was a nightmare start. Getting one back through Divock Origi only to allow BVB to make it 3-1 tested belief to the limit. But somehow, in the final 26 minutes, the Reds pulled three goals out of the fire, culminating with Dejan Lovren's dramatic stoppage-time winner.

James Milner was a central figure in what is arguably the greatest comeback Anfield has ever witnessed. He was directly involved in two of our four goals. In the 66th minute it was Milner who Philippe Coutinho played a one-two with before lashing the ball past Dortmund keeper Roman Weidenfeller from the edge of the box. And then, as the clock ticked past the 90th minute, Milner found himself on the halfway line, close to the Main Stand touchline, waiting to take a free-kick with the scoreboard showing 3-3 and BVB going through on aggregate.

So just what was he thinking at the precise moment when he had the ball at his feet and the pressure to deliver was cranked up to the maximum? "I was thinking first of all 'put it in the box' because obviously we'd sent all the guys up," he says as we sit in the Melwood reception area. "Then, as I was running up to take it, I saw out the corner of my eye Studge [Daniel Sturridge] making a run into space.

"It was one of those 'if I play it to him and nothing comes off I'm an idiot who should have put it into the box' moments, but we were able to work a good opening so I could put the cross in for Dejan."

You'll undoubtedly have seen replays of that goal more often than adverts for the new series of Games of Thrones. But if you view it again, take note of the run Milner makes after playing the free-kick into the right-sided channel where Sturridge had run to. Pass-and-move has always been the Liverpool groove and such examples of it paying off don't come much better.

"I was thinking I should just put it in the box... then I saw Studge"

"You've got to play what you see in football," he says. "In that split-second I saw Studge and rolled it into him. He mis-controlled it at first! But then he showed a bit of brilliance to play a good ball back to me. I'd thought to myself when I took the free-kick 'if I make a run here I might be able to get on the end of it' and in training I work a lot on trying to stand crosses up to the far post. Dejan got his head on it so luckily it came off!"

So it wasn't a planned move? "No. Daniel makes those kind of runs in general play, but it's not something we've worked on as a set-play in training. We've never said 'let's try this if we get a deep free-kick'. Normally I'd put a ball straight into the penalty box from there, especially at that time of a game when we need a goal, but top players like Daniel are always alive to situations, always looking to catch a team unawares, and that's what he did to Borussia Dortmund."


Training at Melwood with Adam Lallana

"The effort you put in, the bad days, nights like Dortmund make it all worthwhile"

Seconds later every man, woman and child of a Liverpool-supporting persuasion were out of their seats. Lovren's far-post header, from Milner's beautifully chipped cross, sparked some of the wildest celebrations ever seen at Anfield. Yet the last person to realise the ball had gone in was the man who made the goal. "My angle wasn't great after I crossed the ball. I saw Dejan get a clean head on it, but I was still travelling towards the Kop. I was hoping the ball would hit the net, but from the angle I was at I didn't know whether the ball had gone inside or outside the post.

"I probably realised it was a goal later than everyone else inside Anfield, but as soon as I realised it had hit the net it was just...."

Milner's voice trails off briefly, as if re-living the moment all over again in his mind, before he continues. "You get such a release when you score. You feel all the joy that the fans get as soon as you see the ball go in. We feel the same as the fans when Liverpool score, but there are not many times in your career when you feel like we did that night because there aren't many matches which mean so much or involve a comeback like the one we had against Dortmund."

One of the reasons we all follow Liverpool is for nights like that. Mundane matches and disappointing defeats are part-and-parcel of supporting any football club. But sticking with a team through the bad times is worth it – as any Leicester City fan will testify – for when the big nights and wins come along.

If they didn't already, the lads knew just how big Liverpool versus



In action v Villarreal in the Europa League semi-final



Borussia Dortmund was when the team-bus turned up Anfield Road to be greeted by a sea of red as thousands of supporters lined the streets to welcome the players with flags, banners and scarves amidst a smoke-red sky. "It was amazing," Milner admits. "It set the mood around the game. We saw how much it meant to everyone while we were sat on the coach, but we also sensed it in the warm-up. The ground was pretty full and the crowd were already singing. Things like that definitely help and I say that having played against Liverpool at Anfield when it has been rocking [for Manchester City during the 2014 title-race].

"We believed at half-time that we would score goals in the second half. We got one back, but Dortmund scored again. It would have been easy for us to fold at that point, but credit to the boys – we stuck at it and the crowd roared us on. That gave us momentum and it made such a big difference."

Ultimately, no trophies were handed out for beating Dortmund. As good a night as it was, the reward was nothing more than a semi-final tie against Villarreal (in which James led by example over the two legs) yet Milner believes the nature of the comeback could have long-term positive implications for Liverpool. Belief is an immeasurable commodity in football but one that can be crucial in propelling a team to success. That Dortmund game injected a huge shot of belief into the Reds squad, something that Milner hopes they can retain over a longer period of time.

"Afterwards we were telling each other in the dressing-room to make sure we enjoy the night and remember it. The amount of effort you put in during training in the wind and rain and cold, the injuries you suffer, the poor results and bad days you go through – nights like Dortmund make it all worthwhile. You have to remember good nights like that.

"This club has had so many great days in its history and made other famous comebacks, but the big thing we all took from it was belief. That is something we also have to remember. We showed heart that night and while we've been inconsistent this season, one thing you can never level at this Liverpool team is that we give in or don't give our all."

Known as 'Milly' to the lads, James is approaching the end of his first season at Anfield, one that saw a change of manager in October and has had a





All smiles with the gaffer

"Standards here are high and we want to go on and win trophies"

number of ups and downs. We're chatting ahead of the Europa League semi-final clash with Villarreal, meaning he didn't know whether his final game of a hectic campaign could be a cup final in Basel – which of course it would be – and the conversation turns to the topic of success.

Achievements are always relative to realistic expectations, but here on Merseyside there has always been an insatiable desire for silverware. No matter what condition Liverpool go into a season there is a demand for trophies, yet that doesn't necessarily mean a campaign that ends without another pot on the sideboard should automatically be written off as a failure. Clearly Milner has settled into life at Liverpool well – he's made more assists than the RAC in 2016 – but will he eventually look back at this season and only regard it as personally successful if ends with a winners' medal dangling from his neck?

He mulls the question over for a moment and gazes at a Melwood wall which features each of the major trophies the club has won, and how often we've done so, before responding. "People will always have different opinions on what constitutes a successful season. Look at that wall here at Melwood. Look at the trophies that Liverpool have won. This club is used to success, it is used to winning trophies, so there are expectations of everybody here that we win trophies. We didn't quite get a result when we went to Wembley for the League Cup final, but to get to one final and reach at least the semi-final of a European competition is a pretty good season when you've changed your manager.

"The squad is young here and we've had a fair few injury problems, so I think, all-in-all, it has been a pretty good season. But standards are so high here at Liverpool that we want to go on and win trophies.

"That's why we're all here."

Words: Chris McLoughlin

Elland back

Having played for Leeds, Newcastle, Aston Villa and Man City before his move to Anfield, European football hasn't been a new experience for James Milner. Nor, you may be more surprised to know, is the experience of wildly celebrating a late winner on a big European night as a fan. What's more, it came against a side who have been on the receiving end of a Liverpool comeback.

In September 2000, when James was aged 14, Leeds United played AC Milan at Elland Road in the group stage of the Champions League. It was a season when the Yorkshire club would go all the way to the semi-final and it was against Milan, after a 4-0 defeat in Barcelona, that David O'Leary's men got their campaign up and running thanks to a late goal from one-time Reds transfer-target Lee Bowyer. "I was actually a ball-boy that night," laughs James when I ask if he was there. "I remember the AC Milan game well. The rain was banging it down and the only goal of the game came when Lee Bowyer hit one from 30 yards and Dida dropped it through it through his legs. I was absolutely drenched ball-boying, but it was a similar sort of European night with a dramatic late winner.

"I used to go to all of the Leeds games and because I was in the club academy I was lucky enough to be a ball-boy at a lot of first-team games. I then went on to play for my hometown club so I can appreciate how nerve-wracking the Dortmund game must have been for the Liverpool fans. There were plenty of ups and downs, but 4-3 with a last-minute winner is a more exciting way to win a big game than with a boring 1-0!"



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STURRIDGE



0 GOALS

His first half-century for Liverpool: from Field Mill on a Sunday afternoon in January 2013 to Anfield in the heat of a midweek Mersey derby this year



1 Mansfield Town (A) FA Cup 6 Jan 2013
A goal on his debut for Liverpool FC: right-footed finish from Jonjo Shelvey's slide-rule pass against the Stags.

2 Manchester United (A) Premier League 13 Jan 2013
On as a sub to pounce and net the rebound after Steven Gerrard's strike was pushed away by David De Gea.

3 Norwich City (H) Premier League 19 Jan 2013
Taps home Stewart Downing's cross inside the six-yard box; becomes first Liverpool player to score in his first three competitive matches since Ray Kennedy in 1974.

4 Manchester City (A) Premier League 3 Feb 2013
Thumping left-footed drive from outside the box in a 2-2 draw at his old club.

5 Swansea City (H) Premier League 17 Feb 2013
Penalty tucked past Michel Vorm in a 5-0 victory (on same day Philippe Coutinho scores his debut LFC goal).


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6 Chelsea (H) Premier League 21 Apr 2013

Improvised first-time finish from Luis Suarez's inviting cross, scoring against another old club within seven minutes of his half-time introduction.

7 Newcastle United (A) Premier League 27 April 2013

First of two goals in a 6-0 victory on Tyneside: neat touch and finish after an exquisite Coutinho through-ball.

8 Newcastle United (A) Premier League 27 April 2013

Composed finish from Jordan Henderson's square pass on the hour-mark for his second in the same game.

9 Fulham (A) Premier League 12 May 2013

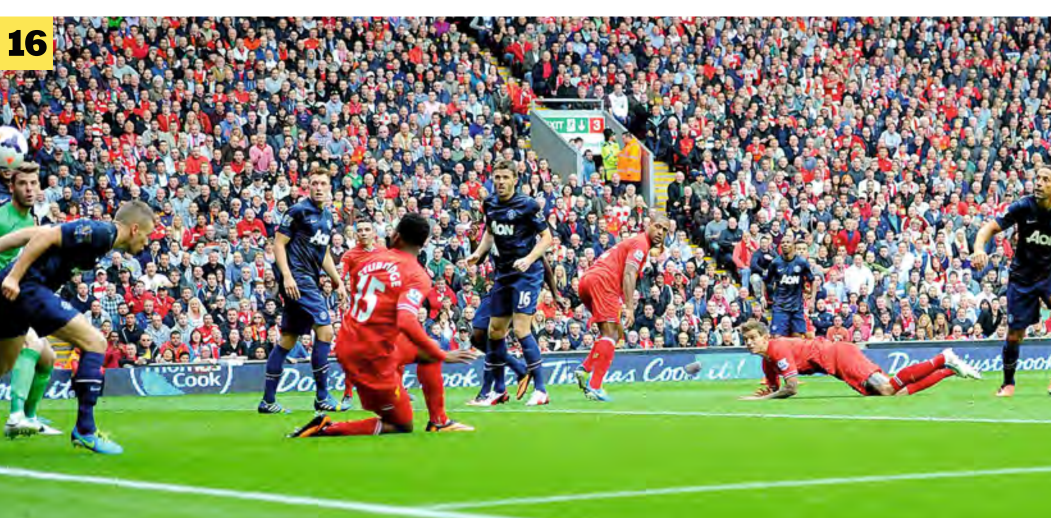
Fine solo goal, controlling a through-ball then turning a Fulham defender before firing past keeper Mark Schwarzer.

10 Fulham (A) Premier League 12 May 2013

His second goal of the game at Craven Cottage, this time it's a tidy close-range finish on 62 minutes.


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11 Fulham (A) Premier League 12 May 2013

First-time lob from Coutinho pass for his first LFC hat-trick; at this point has scored 10 Premier League goals for Liverpool quicker than any previous Reds strikers.

12 Stoke City (H) Premier League 17 August 2013

Fierce strike from outside the area to seal opening-day win over the Potters.

13 Aston Villa (A) Premier League 24 August 2013

Quick feet as he rounds Villa goalkeeper Brad Guzan and stabs home in another 1-0 victory.

14 Notts County (H) Capital One Cup 27 August 2013

Powerful finish after being picked out by Joe Allen's diagonal pass.

15 Notts County (H) Capital One Cup 27 August 2013

Individual effort capped off with a low diagonal drive in front of the Kop.

16 Manchester United (H) Premier League 1 September 2013

Instinctive nod home from Daniel Agger's header after an early Steven Gerrard corner.

17 Swansea City (A) Premier League 16 September 2013

Swept beyond Michel Vorm after Jonjo Shelvey's misjudged back-pass.

18 Sunderland (A) Premier League 29 September 2013

Close-range effort that comes off his shoulder from a Gerrard corner.

19 Crystal Palace (H) Premier League 5 October 2013

Receives the ball on left flank, turns inside defender Damien Delaney and fires home an angled drive.



20 **Newcastle United (A) Premier League 19 October 2013**
Close-range header from a Luis Suarez cross to earn a point at St James' Park.

21 **West Brom (H) Premier League 26 October 2013**
Icing on the cake after Suarez hat-trick: an impudent chip at the Kop end.

22 **Everton (A) Premier League 23 November 2013**
Glancing header from a Gerrard free-kick to earn a point in a thrilling six-goal derby across the park.

23 **Stoke City (A) Premier League 12 January 2014**
Quicksilver close-range finish after his initial effort is parried; makes it 5-3 to the Reds in wintry Staffs.

24 **Aston Villa (H) Premier League 18 January 2014**
Calm clipped finish over the goalie from Jordan Henderson's inviting pass in a 2-2 draw.

25 **Bournemouth (A) FA Cup 25 January 2014**
Rolls the ball home after being sent clear by Suarez in a fourth-round win beside the seaside.

26 **Everton (H) Premier League 28 January 2014**
Guides the ball over Tim Howard to put the Reds two up in the Anfield derby… but there's even better to come…

27 **Everton (H) Premier League 28 January 2014**
Lobs Howard on the turn in Liverpool's biggest win against the Blues since Ian Rush's four goal-blitz in 1982.

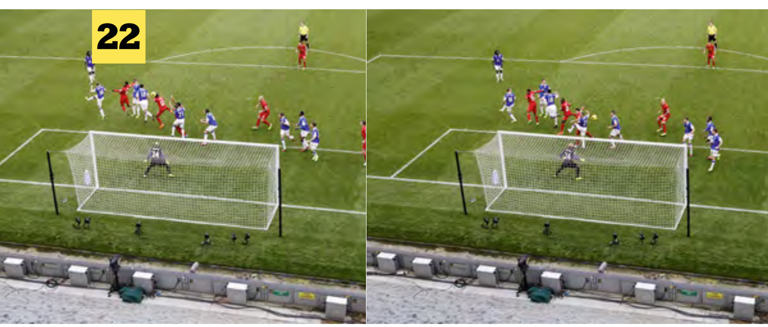
28 **West Brom (A) Premier League 2 February 2014**
Back-post tap-in from Suarez's chipped centre in a 1-1 draw with Albion at The Hawthorns.

29 **Arsenal (H) Premier League 8 February 2014**
Unerring finish after running in behind Laurent Koscielny to latch onto Coutinho's pinpoint pass in a 5-1 win.



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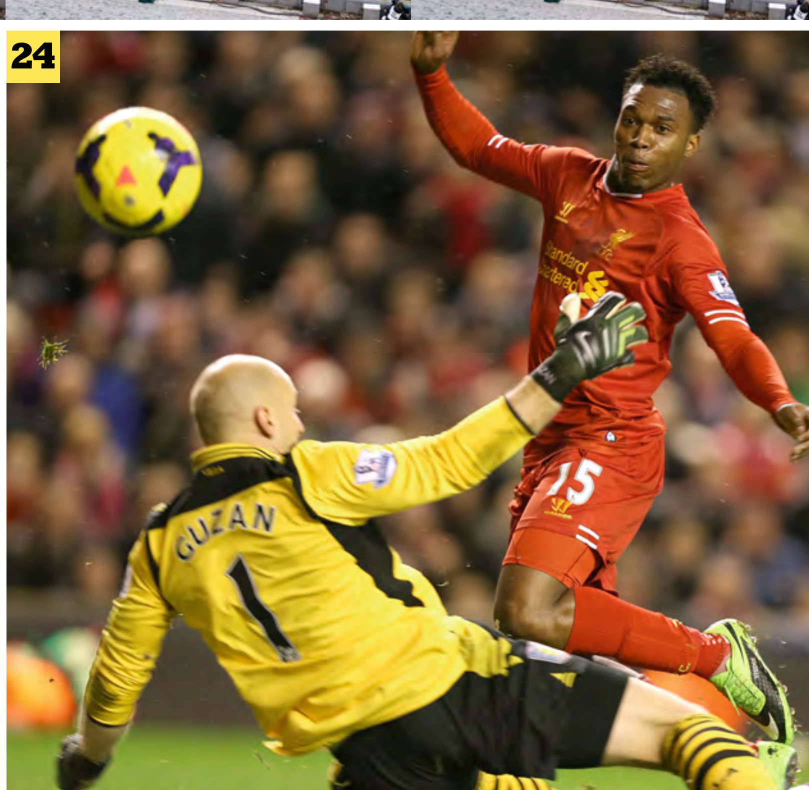

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30 **Fulham (A) Premier League 12 February 2014**
Clinical finish after a breathtaking outside-of-the-boot assist from Gerrard – captured frame-by-frame below.

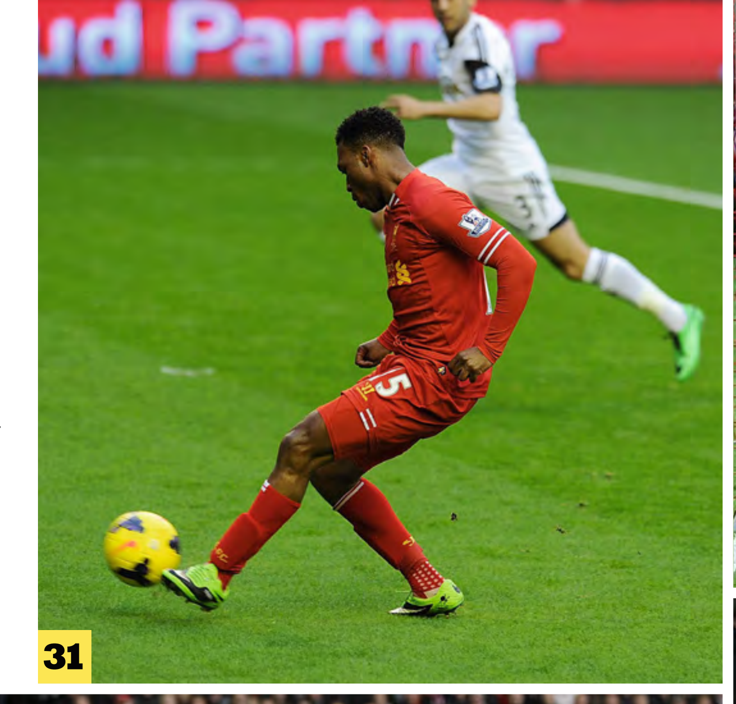
31 **Swansea City (H) Premier League 23 February 2014**
Rounds Swans goalkeeper Michel Vorm on three minutes before slotting into an empty net with typical class.

32 **Swansea City (H) Premier League, 23 February 2014**
Header from six yards after being picked out by Suarez; at this point he's been involved in 36 goals (26 goals, 10 assists) in 32 league appearances for Liverpool.

33 **Cardiff City (A) Premier League 22 March 2014**
The SAS link-up again, ending in a close-range finish in a game that ends 6-3 to the Reds in South Wales.

34 **Sunderland (H) Premier League 26 March 2014**
Delightful left-footed curler from just inside the right side of the penalty area that puts the Reds two-up on a tense title-chasing evening at Anfield.

35 **Newcastle United (H) Premier League 11 May 2014**
Steers home from front of goal following a curling Gerrard free-kick in the final home game of the season.


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36 **Southampton (H) Premier League 17 August 2014**
Flicks home Raheem Sterling's header to clinch another opening-weekend win; his 36th in 50 games for Liverpool.

37 **West Ham (H) Premier League 31 January 2015**
Rifles home from close-range following a Coutinho assist on 80 minutes.

38 **Crystal Palace (A) FA Cup 14 February 2015**
World-class left-footed volley from Henderson cross puts Liverpool level at Selhurst Park in the FA Cup.

39 **Burnley (H) Premier League 4 March 2015**
Header from a superb Henderson cross: his 10th goal in his last 11 Premier League starts at Anfield.

40 **Manchester United (H) Premier League 22 March 2015**
Beats United keeper David De Gea at his near post with a powerful finish to give 10-man Reds hope.

41 **Aston Villa (H) Premier League 26 September 2015**
Fine run in behind the Villans defence followed by a sublime volley in front of the Kop with outside of left boot.











42 **Aston Villa (H)**
Premier League
26 September 2015
Passes the ball into the net with his right foot after a clever one-two with Coutinho, for his second of the day.

43 **Southampton (A)**
Capital One Cup
2 December 2015
Latches onto an Allen pass before working an angle for a low angled drive: textbook Sturridge finish.

44 **Southampton (A)**
Capital One Cup
2 December 2015
First-time finish from Emre Can's sumptuous through-ball makes it two-nil on 30 minutes. Unstoppable.


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45 Aston Villa (A) Premier League 14 February 2016
Precise free header from Coutinho cross in six-goal romp at Villa Park.

46 Manchester United (H) Europa League 10 March 2016
The tension is unbearable but he steers home a penalty at the Anfield Road end for his first European goal for the Reds. One-nil.

47 Southampton (A) Premier League 20 March 2016
Strokes home a fine angled effort, using the Saints defenders as a shield.

48 Stoke City (H) Premier League 20 March 2016
Close-range header from Sheyi Ojo's cross puts the Reds back in front.

49 Bournemouth (A) Premier League 20 March 2016
Fine header from Jordon Ibe's free-kick having assisted for Firmino's opener.

50 Everton (H) Premier League 20 April 2016
Sixty-one minutes on the clock: takes a touch to control before slotting home to put the Reds three up in the derby; his fourth v the Toffees to date.


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"THIS IS WHAT I LIVE FOR"

Daniel Sturridge loves football but he's also learnt there is life outside the game too as he reveals in this fascinating interview

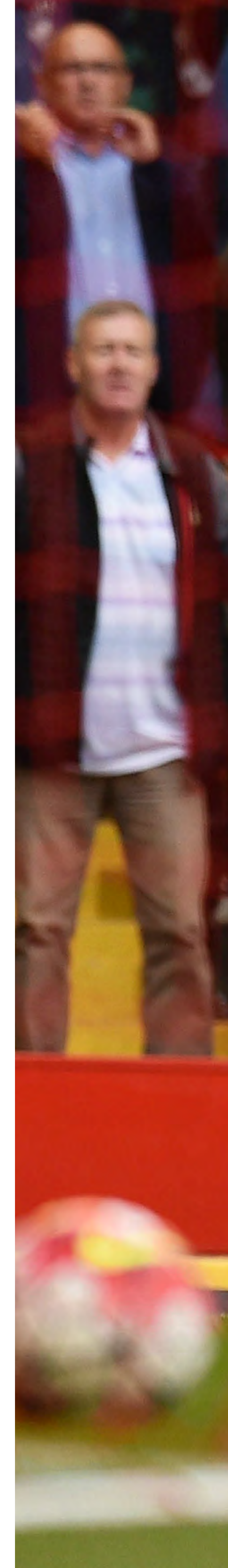

Time for the fans

Daniel Sturridge became the eighth-fastest player in Liverpool history to net 50 goals for the club when he scored in the derby win over Everton last month. The striker added his name to an illustrious list when he slotted the ball beyond Toffees keeper Joel Robles at the Anfield Road end with trademark efficiency eight minutes after his introduction as a substitute.

Sturridge has always been quick to make an impact: he needed only seven minutes to open his Reds account in an FA Cup tie at Mansfield Town in January 2013. His first full Liverpool season, 2013/14, saw him score the team's first and last goals of the campaign and net 24 in total as part of a formidable partnership with Luis Suarez. Last season was blighted by injury, but the latter half of 2015/16 has seen him return to his brilliant best, and here he explains why his appetite for goalscoring remains undiminished…

You are somebody who wants to score in every game…

I'm somebody who will look at my goals-to-games and think: oh man. Sometimes I probably still think that I'm playing for my school team and I'm like: I should be scoring in every match or I should be doing this or doing that. I'm playing at such a high level and when you're playing for a team like Liverpool, the opposition are always trying to stop you from doing well and prevent you from getting the ball in the areas where you can show what you are capable of doing. They do everything in their





power to stop the strikers in every team from scoring goals.

But, for myself, when you are being marked by a lot of defenders I think you can make moves and go into areas that allow your team-mates to score goals. So maybe if I'm not scoring goals but making runs, that allows my team-mates to score goals. I take the credit deep down, though obviously the stats don't record it as an assist! I think it is important to be unselfish for your team and not dwell on the fact of always scoring goals and always getting assists. Of course that's what you want to do, but you can't always do it.

You mention playing for your school team – do you still enjoy the game as much as you did then?

Absolutely. I enjoy football. This is what I've dreamt about, is what I live for. You make so many sacrifices when you are young to get to this place and to get to this level, so there is no point in getting down about yourself. Of course it's the worst feeling in the world when you are substituted when you feel that you can score or you can help the team to win a game and things like that. I'd probably say that that along with not playing or being injured, those are the worst parts of the game. But when you are out there playing on the football pitch, you can't ask for any more.

What was the hardest thing to cope with while you were injured?

Probably the mental side. Sometimes when players are out injured for a long time they say: 'It made me realise how much I loved the game'. It didn't make me do that as I have always cherished the game. But it made me realise that there's so much more to life than just football and you have to be able to take your mind off the game. When you're as obsessed with the game as I am, it can become a problem because it's like an addiction. That was probably the biggest thing for me. It's almost like you're an athlete but you're not actually a footballer. Much as football is a team-game when you're out on the pitch, it's pretty much a one-man sport when you are injured as it's down to you and the physios to get yourself back.

You have to focus on every single factor of your life whether it be your diet, whether it be sleep, fluids, everything. You have to take it all into account because it marries into one thing: being out there on the pitch. So during that spell out I was able to get routines and find things outside of the game which I enjoy doing that maybe I didn't have time to do before.



Celebrating a Coutinho strike

It's important to be able to switch off away from the game?

Don't get me wrong, when you are playing football you are so intent on the game and I am very intent when I am playing. I like to be on the pitch for 90 or 95 minutes – whatever it is – in every single match and do as well as I possibly can. Then when you get home and you're tired and you're like 'wow' and you get to be with your family and celebrate. But when you do have time out of the game, if you have an injury or what have you, you feel: man, what do I do with my time? The team's playing today, but I'm out.

Nobody likes to watch, nobody enjoys that when they are injured. But I've found so many things outside of the game that can put a smile on my face that I feel like I'm more of a complete person as opposed to just being a footballer. I feel that I'm more of a man. I'm happy within myself so that allows me to enjoy myself when I'm on the pitch and I don't feel pressure. I've always been a family man but I have hobbies too.

That's important because, as I say, you can become obsessed with the game as I am. I love the game, but there is also a time when you have to switch off. It's about finding things which make you happy which allow you to think: I'm not worried about football right now, I'm just enjoying my life. As a footballer you sometimes forget about everything else that is going on and you just isolate yourself into this football bubble. So it is nice to have things aside from that where I can relax and I'm not too stressed about anything. Then when it's game-time, I focus myself, I'm totally zoned in and totally focused on what I have to do.

What sort of things do you find relaxing?

Music is one of the main things which I enjoy, but not just that. There is the fashion side too and I've got some hats coming out. I've been helping my mum out with her sauce too [Daniel and his mum Grace are set to launch a range of cooking sauces inspired by his family's Jamaican roots called *Sturr Crazy*]. I've got to help my mum live her dreams too. It's not all about my dreams, it's not all about me, it's about my family and helping them. I'm blessed and I'm grateful to God.

Since you returned to action you have been working under Jürgen Klopp – what kind of impact has he had?

He has had an impact, but I think every manager does. I'm thankful to all the managers I've worked with dating back to Stuart Pearce who gave me my debut for Manchester City and Team GB; Fabio Capello who gave me my England debut; and I'm grateful to every manager I have worked with, not just Jürgen who is here at Liverpool at the moment. I'm grateful for him coming in here and stamping his authority on the squad because it allows us to to elevate our games.

It has been a great time with him so far. We got to the final of the Capital One Cup and were very unlucky to lose on penalties. Jürgen brings that winning mentality and also a tenacity and an aggression because he wants to win every single game. He is intense. As I said, I'm obsessed with football and he's obsessed with football so it's a great feeling to have. He's a great manager and I'm sure that he'll have success with Liverpool in the future.

FASTEST TO 50 LFC GOALS

Fernando Torres 72 games
Sam Raybould 80 games
Albert Stubbins 80 games
Roger Hunt 81 games
Jack Parkinson 82 games
John Aldridge 83 games
Ian Rush 84 games
Robbie Fowler 88 games
Gordon Hodgson 90 games
Harry Chambers 98 games
Kenny Dalglish 98 games
Michael Owen 98 games
Joe Hewitt 104 games
Ian St John 105 games
John Barnes 111 games



"It's not all about my dreams – it's about my family and helping them"



MY 2005 TEAMIES

Ex-Reds goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek on the men who made the miracle of Istanbul in 2005 possible



Jerzy Dudek's brand new autobiography *A Big Pole In Our Goal* was published last month. In it he reveals all about an Anfield career that saw him become one of the heroes of Istanbul with a stunning double-save from AC Milan's Andriy Shevchenko in extra-time before denying the Ukrainian and Andrea Pirlo in the penalty shoot-out as the Reds won a fifth European Cup.

He also writes about working under Gerard Houllier and Rafael Benitez, the highs and lows he experienced as a Liverpool player and recalls, in glorious forensic detail, that night of our lives in the Ataturk Stadium on 25 May 2005.

Forthrightly honest, with plenty of revelations and humour throughout, Jerzy's book is in the shops now and at store.liverpoolfc.com. He's also given us permission to run this exclusive extract in which he talks about his team-mates, one by one...



Steve Finnan

Steve was a very humble Irish international who didn't sound Irish. He was a good lad, but I still wonder whether the fact that he got substituted at half-time in Istanbul is the reason why he disappeared from the football world after he retired. Maybe there is a mental scar about being substituted halfway through the most important game of his life when we were losing 3-0, and not being part of the famous comeback as he wanted to stay on in Istanbul? I'm not sure what happened to Steve and I haven't seen him for a while. It's a shame as Steve is a nice person and his contribution in getting us to Istanbul and Athens should not be forgotten.

Djimi Traore

I remember Djimbo as a very good friend and a player who contributed much more to Liverpool than his famous own-goal at Burnley [in January 2005] in the FA Cup. He had some difficult days, but he also made a crucial goal-line clearance against AC Milan in Istanbul that helped us to win the Champions League final, and that shouldn't be forgotten.



Jamie Carragher

The foreign players always had problems understanding Carra when they first arrived at Liverpool. It's not just his Scouse dialect, it's the pitch of his voice and how strongly he puts things across. There were times at the start when I thought 'why the **** is he digging me out?' when he was actually just getting an opinion across that I had wrongly interpreted. Carra has a massive football knowledge – I think he's read every football autobiography and is no doubt reading this! – and he was completely under-estimated by people when he was younger. He went through a tough spell at full-back when Gerard Houllier was in charge, but as soon as Rafael Benitez arrived he put him alongside Sami at centre-half in the team and they were rock-solid as a partnership. I'd go as far as to say Carra was one of the top central defenders in European football when Rafa was here, but he was also a master of resting. If the boss gave us a five-minute break, Carra would take six minutes!



Sami Hyypia

Sami was one of the best central defenders I ever played with. The captain of the team before Steven Gerrard took over, he was ultra-professional. He was also a true leader of the team and a guy who cared more about Liverpool FC the longer he was at the club. Sami wasn't a joker but despite all the trophies he won he stayed very humble. He was a great friend of mine away from the pitch and a person I could trust and count on. He'd definitely be in the best eleven players I ever played with.



John Arne Riise

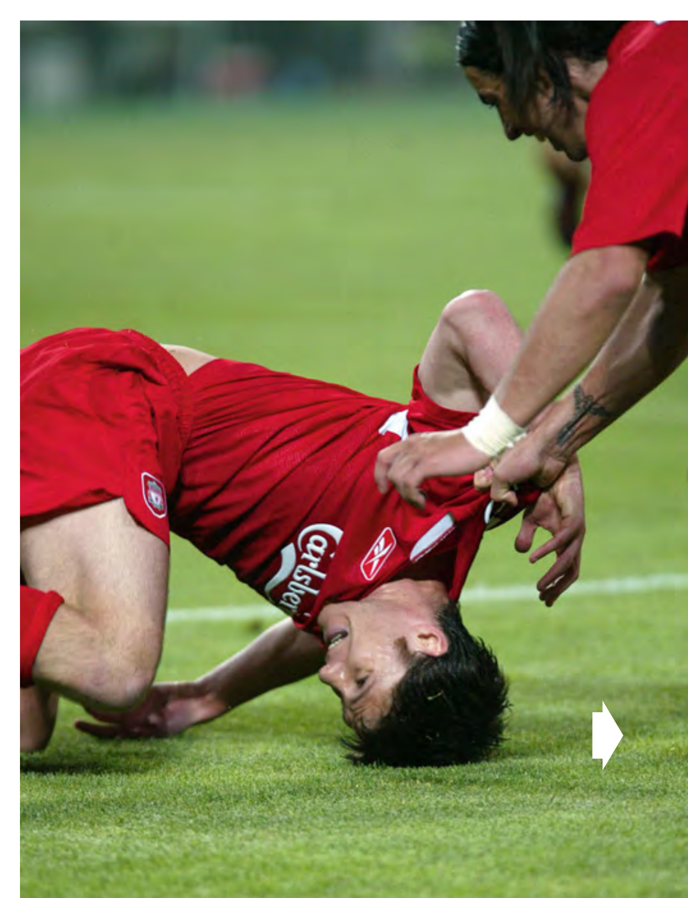
'Ginge' had a ferocious left foot – of the players I trained against at Liverpool only Djibril Cisse could strike a ball as powerfully – and he was always in great physical condition. He was like a machine during pre-season training camps so we called him RoboCop! He would complete runs quicker than anyone else and then want to do it again so he could beat his own time, so we thought of ways to stop him from out-training us. In one session we got one of the young lads to set off far too quickly on a run, like a pacemaker, to try and tire Ginge out so Vladi, who was also a good runner, could pick him off at the end when he was fatigued. It didn't work. Ginge completed the run in less than six minutes and even though Vladi caught him he suddenly got a burst of energy into his legs and left Vladi for dead. He was p****d off that we didn't congratulate him for completing the run so quickly, but we were p****d off that he'd won again!



Xabi Alonso

A Spanish bookworm, Xabi is one of the most intelligent players I've ever shared a pitch with. He couldn't speak English when he arrived so did his talking with his feet, spraying passes around over 50 yards that only Steven Gerrard could match. He scored twice from inside his own half for Liverpool, one of them at home to Newcastle, and he would try that in training against me for both Liverpool and Real Madrid! Xabi is a humble guy away from football and I'd love to see him follow a big name like Clarence Seedorf by winning the Champions League with a third club at Bayern Munich.

"Xabi would try to beat me from his own half in training here and at Madrid"



Steven Gerrard
Stevie could win a game on his own for us. We all know how important he was for Liverpool and I would go as far as to say he is the most complete player in the club's history. He's certainly up there with Kenny Dalglish as LFC's two biggest legends. It was an honour to play with him and the emotional approach he had towards football helped to make him such a charismatic character. He absolutely hated to lose and he'd show that both on the pitch and in the dressing-room. If he had something to say he'd say it, no matter who it was he needed to say it to. Stevie also changed, matured perhaps, when he had a family. You think differently when you've got more women at home like Stevie has with his three daughters and it helped him to become calmer, which made him an even better player.

Vladimir Smicer
Most players avoid showing their emotions but the Czechs don't. It's in their character to fight back when they are upset and I think they earn more respect for doing so. They also know how to drink! Vladi, who was also a good mate, visited Knurow with Milan for a charity game I organised in 2005 and after it we got seriously drunk. I'm still in touch with him and he, myself and Patrik Berger all play golf. Whenever we meet up for the Liverpool Legends games we spend most of our time trying to arrange our next golf-trip!



Milan Baros

Milan's hometown of Ostrava is about 50 miles from my hometown of Knurow and I went with him to see it. He had signed for Liverpool one month before me and we became good friends quickly, helping each other to acclimatise and learn English. When Milan was unhappy he wasn't afraid of showing it and this was typical of the Czech lads. They stand their ground.



Harry Kewell

In my opinion Harry was a fantastic winger, but the best period of his career was at Leeds United. He was unlucky with injuries at Liverpool because when he was fit and playing he made a difference to the team on the left. It was a surprise when Rafa selected him to start in Istanbul just after he had returned from injury, but I think he took the gamble because he felt Harry had quality and would be a bit fresher than some of the other lads. Obviously he didn't last on the pitch long, but fortunately it turned out well as it was Vladi who came on for him.



Luis Garcia

Over and over again we have asked Luis if the ball really did cross the line against Chelsea in that Champions League semi-final at Anfield on Tuesday 3 May 2005. He always smiles when asked and gives the same answer: "One hundred per cent it was a goal!" To this day nobody has proved it either way for sure, but it was given and the supporters still sing his name when Liverpool play Chelsea now because of that goal! Luis wasn't a player with great physical abilities, but he was technically very skilful. He found it tough to adapt to the physical side of the Premier League at first, but as the weeks passed he got better and better and had a habit of scoring crucial goals in the big games for us.





Didi Hamann

Didi and I were neighbours in Caldy over on the Wirral so we used to travel into training or for matches at Anfield in the car together. I think he was underestimated as he was one of the best defensive midfielders in Europe and did a superb job for us. His reading of the game and ability to make interceptions made a huge impact on the team and I still think Gerard Houllier's decision to substitute him away to Bayer Leverkusen in the April 2002 Champions League quarter-final second leg cost us. We were losing 2-1 on the night but going through on away-goals when Houllier took Didi off for Vladi. We ended up losing 4-2 and went out. That match showed how important Didi was, and it was no co-incidence either that we turned things around in Istanbul when he came on at half-time and neutralised Kaka's influence. The other thing about Didi was that he loved a bevvy and a bet, although doing the two things together didn't always turn out to be a good thing!



Djibril Cisse

When Djibril flew to Liverpool for the first time, player-liaison officer Norman Gard asked him to dress casually to lessen the chance of him being recognised as his transfer wasn't completed and the club wanted to keep things under wraps. Norman told me what happened: "I was standing by the arrival doors at Liverpool Airport when out walked Djibril. He was dressed like a panther. He even had a matching hat. The entire arrivals lounge couldn't help but stare at him. So much for being subtle." Every paper wrote about Djibril the next day. He is a walking fashion house and seemed to change his hair every three days... He was also superstitious and, like many players with connections to Africa, had a strong faith in the magical powers of different things such as colourful wristbands. He was definitely an extrovert!


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THE TRAVEL SHOW

Liverpool recently became the first club to win at 50 different away Premier League grounds. They say you never forget your first time, so to mark the milestone here are our maiden victories at each of those stadiums...



1. Loftus Road 23 November 1992
QPR 0 Liverpool 1
That it took until November to get a first-ever Premier League away win tells you just how bad season 1992/93 was, but it came courtesy of an 88th-minute Ronny Rosenthal strike back in the days when Sky Sports' *Monday Night Football* featured dancing girls and sumo-suit wrestling before kick-off.

2. Highbury 31 January 1993
Arsenal 0 Liverpool 1
David James kept his first clean-sheet in the Premier League thanks to a penalty-save in front of the Highbury mural – erected to hide the rebuilding work on the North Bank – while at the other end John Barnes beat David Seaman from the spot to secure a rare away-win in an awful all-green strip.

3. Ayresome Park 13 March 1993
Middlesbrough 1 Liverpool 2
Our last ever game at Ayresome Park saw a 15th-minute Stevie Nicol own-goal cancel out Don Hutchison's opener, but Ian Rush poached a late winner before boss Graeme Souness bizarrely claimed: "Some of my players were definitely affected by the warmth." Sunshine – in Boro?

4. County Ground 22 August 1993
Swindon Town 0 Liverpool 5
Top-of-the-table Liverpool swept Swindon aside in sizzling style with first-half goals from Neil Ruddock and Steve McManaman before Macca, Ronnie Whelan and a Mike Marsh curler turned it into a rout. The Reds have never played a league game at the County Ground before or since.

5. Portman Road 1 January 1994
Ipswich Town 1 Liverpool 2
A New Year's Day trip to Ipswich can't have helped any travelling Kopites with hangovers, but an 88th-minute Ian Rush winner, after Neil Ruddock and Ian Marshall exchanged goals, stalled the Tractor Boys and got Liverpool's stuttering away farm – sorry, form – back on track.

6. Boundary Park 15 January 1994
Oldham Athletic 0 Liverpool 3
At the (officially) coldest ground in England it was Julian Dicks who warmed the cockles of Kopite hearts with a long-range opener before Robbie Fowler and Jamie Redknapp also netted. "I'll get booked now and again and maybe sent off," said Dicks, "but I'd like a few more goals like that one."

7. Upton Park 23 April 1994
West Ham United 1 Liverpool 2
Robbie Fowler levelled Martin Allen's first-minute opener, but it was Ian Rush, in the 88th minute again, who settled matters after pouncing on a



Tony Gale back-pass. West Ham move to the Olympic Stadium this summer, giving us a spangly new 51st different ground to try to win at.

8. Selhurst Park 20 August 1994
Crystal Palace 1 Liverpool 6
Roy Evans gave Steve McManaman a new free role on the opening day of the season and it worked rather well. Macca and Ian Rush scored twice with Jan Molby (from the spot) and Robbie Fowler also on target. "I'm a bit disappointed," said perfectionist Evans, "we started the second half badly."

9. The Dell 31 August 1994
Southampton 0 Liverpool 2
John Barnes silenced the Southampton fans, who were bizarrely booing him because he'd been recalled by England, by netting Liverpool's second, a curler past his old mate Bruce Grobbelaar. Robbie Fowler had nutmegged Brucie for the first in what was only our third Dell win in 15 visits.

10. Filbert Street 26 December 1994
Leicester City 1 Liverpool 2
David James saved a penalty at one end two minutes before Robbie Fowler converted one at the other – his 'jockstrap-adjusting' celebration landing him an FA charge – before Ian Rush scored our second. A 90th-minute point-blank Jamo save secured the points after Iwan Roberts got one back.

11. Elland Road 31 December 1994
Leeds United 0 Liverpool 2
New Year's Eve games are rarities – this was one of only two the Reds have played in the Premier League – and our auld acquaintances Leeds were beaten by a Jamie Redknapp free-kick and a typical Robbie Fowler finish. Not a bad way to end the year.

12. Hillsborough 25 February 1995
Sheffield Wednesday 1 Liverpool 2
Liverpool hadn't won at Hillsborough since before the 1989 disaster, when 96 Reds lost their lives before the FA Cup semi-final with Nottingham Forest, until John Barnes and Steve McManaman netted after Chris Bart-Williams' opener. For Barnes – the only member of our 89 team on the pitch in 95 – to score, felt appropriate.

13. Carrow Road 29 April 1995
Norwich City 1 Liverpool 2
Steve Harkness was an unlikely first goalscorer – it was his first in a red shirt – but it took a late winner from Ian Rush to beat relegation-threatened Norwich. "Good old Rushie did us a favour for a change," said Joe Royle, manager of the Canaries' relegation rivals Everton. "We like Liverpool!"

14. White Hart Lane 26 August 1995
Tottenham Hotspur 1 Liverpool 3
John Barnes scored an unusual hat-trick – he got two for Liverpool and a late own-goal for Spurs – but the most memorable moment of our maiden Premier League win at White Hart Lane was when a peroxide-blond Robbie Fowler fired home after a flowing right-sided move by Rob Jones and Steve McManaman.



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15. Burnden Park 9 December 1995
Bolton Wanderers 0 Liverpool 1

Burnden Park is now an ASDA – somewhat appropriately given the old 'Normid End' (ask yer dad) behind one goal – and this was our last-ever visit to Bolton's former home. Stan Collymore's 61st-minute individual goal was only his fourth for the Reds after his record transfer-move from Nottingham Forest.

16. Villa Park 31 January 1996
Aston Villa 0 Liverpool 2

Originally scheduled for Boxing Day, a frozen pitch meant this game was called off after most travelling Kopites had arrived at Villa Park so it was rather pleasing to see Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler score twice in five minutes when we all had to go back there on a Wednesday night!

17. Ewood Park 24 February 1996
Blackburn Rovers 2 Liverpool 3

Tim Flowers was made to look a divvy when a Stan Collymore shot looped over him off a divot he'd created in the Ewood Park pitch to mark the centre of his goal. It was one of two first-half Collymore goals against the defending champs before Michael Thomas struck a 70th-minute winner.

18. Highfield Road 4 September 1996
Coventry City 0 Liverpool 1

Phil Babb only scored one goal for Coventry (the winner in a 1-0 victory against Liverpool at Highfield Road) and one goal for Liverpool (the winner in a 1-0 victory against Coventry at Highfield Road). Maybe things do even themselves out in football after all?

19. Baseball Ground 1 February 1997
Derby County 0 Liverpool 1

Our previous visit to Derby's old Baseball Ground was a 7-1 win in 1991 so while the Reds scored six less in this game, Stan Collymore curling home in the 76th minute, it was nice to win on our 59th and final visit to a ground that was previously used for a different sport. And it wasn't rounders.

20. Roker Park 13 April 1997
Sunderland 1 Liverpool 2

Bill Shankly once tried to time the setting sun at Roker Park in the 60s to see which way his team should kick and this 2-1 win – Fowler and McManaman scored, Paul Stewart netted for the Mackems – came as the sun was setting on Sunderland's old home. They moved a month later.

21. St James' Park 28 December 1997
Newcastle United 1 Liverpool 2

It took a while to get a first Premier League away-win on Tyneside and it came thanks to a double from Reds no7 Steve McManaman against a Newcastle side managed by former

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Reds no7 Kenny Dalglish. Macca's first goal, a flashing cross-shot, was one Kenny would've been proud of himself.

22. Oakwell 28 March 1998
Barnsley 2 Liverpool 3
In a bonkers game, Liverpool were 2-1 up (Riedle two) against nine-man Barnsley only to need a 90th-minute McManaman winner against a side that equalised, and finished with eight men, after ref Gary Willard walked off for his own safety during a pitch invasion. That's a condensed version!

23. Riverside Stadium 26 December 1998
Middlesbrough 1 Liverpool 3
Boro became the first side the Reds had beaten away from home in the Premier League on different grounds, on Boxing Day 98. Michael Owen (who claimed a goal initially credited to Jamie Carragher), Jamie Redknapp and Vegard Heggem netted in our first success at the Riverside.

24. Stadium of Light 20 November 1999
Sunderland 0 Liverpool 2
Named in tribute to local Wearside mine-workers rather than any links to Benfica, our first-ever trip to the Stadium of Light was a successful one. Michael Owen and Patrik Berger got the goals on a chilly afternoon when there wasn't a beachball in sight to trouble the Reds goal.

25. Vicarage Road 15 January 2000
Watford 2 Liverpool 3
Two up after 41 minutes through Paddy Berger and David Thompson, Liverpool were stung by the Hornets a minute either side of half-time only for substitute Vladimir Smicer to pop up with his first goal for the Reds. The less said about the green-and-blue strip we played in, though, the better.

26. Pride Park 18 March 2000
Derby County 0 Liverpool 2
Pride Park had that 'new car showroom' feel when the Reds first visited in 1998 and we had to wait a couple of years to get motoring there. Michael Owen scored first but it was a late Titi Camara finish, after he jinked past a defender, in front of the travelling Kop that has stuck in the mind.

27. Old Trafford 17 December 2000
Manchester United 0 Liverpool 1
FINALLY! After a 10-year wait, including eight visits in the Premier League, Liverpool finally beat Manchester United at Old Trafford. Danny Murphy was the match-winner with a delightful free-kick and enjoyed it so much that he repeated the trick with winning goals there in 2002 and 2004. Murphy's goal before half-time also ended United's two-year unbeaten home run in the Prem.





28. Goodison Park 16 April 2001
Everton 2 Liverpool 3
FINALLY! After an 11-year wait, including eight visits in the Premier League, Liverpool finally beat Everton at Goodison Park. Gary McAllister's stoppage-time winner, from 40 yards out, is maybe our most famous goal across the park ever. Emile Heskey and Markus Babbel got the others. "We deserved it," said boss Houllier, whose side had lost Igor Biscan after the Croatian was shown two of the match's 12 yellow cards. "We stayed calm, even with 10 men, and Gary had a tremendous game."

29. Valley Parade 1 May 2001
Bradford City 0 Liverpool 2
Liverpool hadn't scored, let alone won, at Valley Parade since 1919, so when Michael Owen netted it brought a rather long wait to an end. Gary Mac, who couldn't stop finding the net during the treble season, curled in a free-kick to send travelling Kopites back over the Pennines happy.

30. The Valley 19 May 2001
Charlton Athletic 0 Liverpool 4
A first Premier League win at Charlton proved to be significant for Gerard Houllier's men as it ensured Champions League qualification for the first time, on the final day of the season. A Robbie Fowler overhead kick broke the deadlock with Murphy, Fowler again and Owen completing the job.

31. Craven Cottage 2 March 2002
Fulham 0 Liverpool 2
With riverside views, a historic feel and a decent-sized away-end, Craven Cottage is one of the best away destinations in football and the on-tour Kop enjoyed a first league visit there since 1967 thanks to goals from front-runners Nicolas Anelka and Jari Litmanen. It's a pity that Fulham got relegated.

32. Reebok Stadium 14 September 2002
Bolton Wanderers 2 Liverpool 3
Now known as the Macron Stadium, it was the Reebok when Milan Baros scored his first two goals in a Liverpool shirt. Twice Bolton cancelled out Baros goals only for Emile Heskey to race through in the 88th minute and net the winner.

33. Maine Road 28 September 2002
Manchester City 0 Liverpool 3
Maine Road, home of the inflatable banana, was a happy hunting ground for Liverpool over the years. But only on our sixth and final Premier League visit did we win in Moss Side courtesy of a Michael Owen hat-trick. It was City's first home defeat for a year and left the locals feeling deflated.

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34. St Mary's 18 January 2003
Southampton 0 Liverpool 1
Southampton's new home opened in 2001 and is more than twice the capacity that The Dell was. We also got a win there quicker! It took seven attempts to win at Saints' old place (the Bill Shankly boys did it in 1966) but only two at St Mary's with Emile Heskey getting the only goal.

35. The Hawthorns 26 April 2003
West Bromwich Albion 0 Liverpool 6
The Hawthorns is the highest English league ground above sea-level and this remains Liverpool's joint-highest away win in the Premier League era. Michael Owen got four – his second was his 100th league goal – and Milan Baros the other two as Albion were boinged for six.

36. Stamford Bridge 7 January 2004
Chelsea 0 Liverpool 1
Stamford Bridge was THE Premier League bogey ground for the Redmen. We hadn't won there in 11 previous visits, so when unlikely match-winner Bruno Cheyrou scored on a night when El-Hadji Diouf was sent off and Patrice Luzi ended up in goal there was a mixture of shock, relief and joy!

37. St Andrews 8 May 2004
Birmingham City 0 Liverpool 3
Legend has it that a gypsy curse was placed on St Andrews in 1906 and it's been a mysteriously bad place to visit for Liverpool down the years. Our club record 9-1 defeat came on the cursed turf at Birmingham City in 1954 and this 3-0 win, thanks to goals from Owen, Heskey and Steven Gerrard, is our only Premier League victory there in six visits.

38. Fratton Park 20 April 2005
Portsmouth 1 Liverpool 2
Pompey play up, but the Reds played better in Jamie Carragher's 250th league game. First-half goals from Fernando Morientes and Luis Garcia, either side of a Diomansy Kamara effort for the home side, silenced the Portsmouth chimes to give Rafa Benitez's side a first Liverpool win at Fratton Park since 1988.

39. City of Manchester Stadium 26 November 2005
Manchester City 0 Liverpool 1
The locals call it Eastlands, the council call it the City of Manchester Stadium and their current sponsors call it the Etihad. But more importantly this was called three points for Liverpool. John Arne Riise (ooh, aah!), playing in his 150th PL game, fired in the winner after an hour.

40. JJB Stadium 11 February 2006
Wigan Athletic 0 Liverpool 1
Wigan Rugby League Club had played at Anfield, but Liverpool had never played any game in Wigan until 2006. It came at the JJB, now the DW, and twas Sami Hyypia who made history with the only goal 15 minutes before the massed visiting fans got to sample the local delicacy. Pies.



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41. Madejski Stadium 7 April 2007
Reading 1 Liverpool 2
Liverpool never visited their old Elm Park ground so this was a first-ever visit to Reading and it turned into a memorable day for Alvaro Arbeloa who netted his first Reds goal. Brynjar Gunnarsson equalised, but cometh the 85th minute, cometh the mighty Kuyt – Dirk won it for us with a header.

42. Kingston Communications Stadium 25 April 2009
Hull City 1 Liverpool 3
The first 'M62 derby' to be held at the KC Stadium and the points came back down the road with title-chasing Liverpool. Xabi Alonso half-volleyed home the rebound from his own free-kick and Dirk Kuyt's double ensured Giovanni's goal was a consolation.

43. Turf Moor 25 April 2010
Burnley 0 Liverpool 4
Not since 1975 had the Reds visited the cobbled streets of Burnley for a league game and they cobbled together four goals at Turf Moor in 2010. They came from Steven Gerrard (two), Maxi Rodriguez and Ryan Babel after the break with Stevie becoming our ninth all-time leading goalscorer.

44. Molineux 22 January 2011
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Liverpool 3
Liverpool won the title at Molineux in 1976 and this was another historic day as King Kenny Dalglish recorded the first win of his second spell as LFC manager. Fernando Torres scored twice, but a goal-of-the-season contender from Raul Meireles had Kenny beaming the most.

45. Emirates Stadium 20 August 2011
Arsenal 0 Liverpool 2
It took six Premier League visits to record our only win (so far) at the Emirates and Liverpool's first victory at Arsenal since 2000. A 78th-minute Aaron Ramsey own-goal broke the deadlock before a sub by the name of Luis Suarez upped his value to over £40,000,001 with a 90th-minute second.

46. Britannia Stadium 12 January 2014
Stoke City 3 Liverpool 5
There's nothing like routine 5-3 away win when challenging for a title on a ground you've never won a Premier League game at, eh? It'd take half



the magazine to analyse this one, but the Reds' goals came via Ryan Shawcross (og), Luis Suarez (2), Steven Gerrard (pen) and Daniel Sturridge. Skipper Steven was playing in a holding midfield role on his 650th appearance for the club,

47. Cardiff City Stadium 22 March 2014
Cardiff City 3 Liverpool 6

Our only ever game at the Cardiff City Stadium was a quiet affair. The Reds went behind twice, Martin Skrtel scored twice, Daniel Sturridge got one and Luis Suarez netted his sixth LFC hat-trick to equal Robbie Fowler's club-record 28 goals in a PL season. Other than that, not much happened.

48. King Power Stadium 2 December 2014
Leicester City 1 Liverpool 3

Twenty years after a first Premier League win at Filbert Street we got one at Leicester's King Power Stadium. A Simon Mignolet OG put the hosts ahead, but Adam Lallana, Steven Gerrard and Jordan Henderson turned things around with Foxes skipper Wes Morgan also being sent off.

49. Liberty Stadium 16 March 2015
Swansea City 0 Liverpool 1

If you can't be good, be lucky. We've no idea who coined that idiom, but it applied to Liverpool's maiden win at Swansea's Liberty Stadium as the winning goal came when Jordi Amat's sliding challenge resulted in the ball ricocheting off Jordan Henderson's shin and looping into the net.

50. Vitality Stadium 17 April 2016
AFC Bournemouth 1 Liverpool 2

Dean Court now has a sponsor, but it became the 50th different Premier League ground at which Liverpool have won – a league record – when Roberto Firmino and Daniel Sturridge found the net there last month. It was also our first league visit to Bournemouth, but hopefully not our last win there...



THE THREE THAT GOT AWAY

A total of 47 clubs, including Liverpool, have played in the Premier League, so to have won at 50 different grounds is rather impressive. The fact that certain clubs have moved stadiums during the last 24 seasons made such an achievement possible, but the Reds haven't won at every Premier League ground they've visited. The three that got away are Nottingham Forest, Sheffield United and Blackpool.

Forest's City Ground was the venue of our first PL match back in 1992 but a 1-0 defeat there proved to be a bad omen: despite having gone back four times since, most recently in 1999, Liverpool have failed to record a win. Sheffield United were the first Premier League team we beat, at Anfield in 1992, but in three visits to Bramall Lane the Reds have only managed to score once and that was a controversial Robbie Fowler penalty in 2006.

Finally, there's the curious case of Blackpool who, despite being relegated in their only Premier League campaign in 2010/11, beat Liverpool 2-1 both at Anfield and Bloomfield Road. It means the Tangerines are the only club in Premier League history who can boast a 100 per cent record against Liverpool and their current status suggests it will be a long time before we get the opportunity to record a first league win at Bloomfield Road since 1966.

Still, you'd rather we hadn't won at Blackpool than at Goodison Park or Old Trafford, right?

Words: Chris McLoughlin


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The masters have it perfectly timed: a touch of class by Kenny seals title charge. Report by Nick Hilton, Daily Post

Normal service was restored to English football shortly before five on Saturday afternoon.

The tacky pitch at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground belonged to Liverpool and a sprawling rugby scrum of Press photographers jostling for the best shot of the players' team dance, ritually performed on occasions of triumph such as this. The scene was so familiar that anyone who had been isolated from the English game for the past year or so could have found no reason to believe Liverpool Football Club had suffered a catastrophe last May.

Liverpool may not entirely deserve the stigma attached to their name by the Heysel Stadium disaster but no club in the country was

better equipped to take such a blow and recover so quickly. Even so, Liverpool's 16th League Championship and the eighth in 11 seasons, surprised even their greatest admirers by the nature of its achievement.

The perfectly-timed gallop through the final quarter of the season draws comparison with Jack Nicklaus' final round charge at the Masters to win his 20th major golf title last month. Both were the work of consummate professionals and professional winners. In each instance the rest of the field looked over their shoulders in dread at the familiar striding giant and could neither halt his progress nor match his pace.

Liverpool arrived at Chelsea needing one more victory to put the title out of everyone else's reach and they completed the task with a performance that could have been drawn from any one of 11 campaigns in a period of success covered by four managers. The only difference was that this time the manager was on the field and scored the winning goal himself.

The goal came 23 minutes into a first half dominated with fierce commitment and passing as sharp as Stamford Bridge's heavy, holding pitch would allow. Kevin MacDonald and Craig Johnston had each gone close before full-back Jim Beglin, frustrated seconds before when Keith Jones kicked his shot off the line, flicked on a Ronnie Whelan header 20 yards from goal. Beglin's sharp pass found Dalglish slipping into the penalty area to take the ball on his chest, then to let it drop for a stabbing right-foot volley placed snugly in the far corner.

A single goal was enough. Chelsea, straining hard to keep their promise of giving London neighbours West Ham every opportunity to snatch the title, were unable to conquer their nerves or master the pitch.

Liverpool survived one moment of high anxiety midway through the second half when David Speedie crashed between the challenges of Mark Lawrenson and Beglin and half of London seemed to scream for a penalty. Spot-kicks have been awarded for a lot less but Torquay referee Lester Shapter was not interested and Chelsea were denied an equaliser their performance did not merit.

By playing Lawrenson as an extra defender in the absence of stomach-bug victim Jan Molby, Liverpool had all the pace and height they required at the back to smother the threat of Speedie, Nevin and Dixon. The system was also flexible enough to allow Liverpool to push players forward in the first half as they needed them when the only good football of the game was played.

The second period was not so compelling though no less tense, as Liverpool set about protecting their advantage with the minimum of frills. "It wasn't very pretty but it was effective," said Chelsea manager John Hollins.

A few nerve-ends showed in the



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As Mark salutes fans

JAN MOLBY's illness on Saturday gave Mark Lawrenson the opportunity to get back into the first team.

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final 10 minutes when Speedie and substitute McAllister put shots from the right-side of the penalty area wide of the target but Chelsea's effort was too little too late.

CHELSEA: Godden; Wood, Miller (McAllister 79), Rougvie, McLaughlin, Jones; Nevin, Spackman, Canoville; Dixon, Speedie.

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar; Nicol, Gillespie, Hansen, Lawrenson, Beglin; Johnston, MacDonald, Whelan; Dalglish; Rush. Sub: McMahon.

REFEREE: Lester Shapter.

ATTENDANCE: 43,900.



Action from the Bridge




The masters have it perfectly timed

A touch of class by Kenny seals title charge

Chelsea 0 Liverpool 1
by Nick Hilton
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Happy Jan: I'll be ready for the Cup

Mister Modesty: I got by with a lot of help from my friends says Dalglish. By Ian Ross and Roger Kent

Kenny Dalglish stayed true to character by heaping the praise for Liverpool's spectacular title triumph onto every shoulder but his own.

An hour after a 1-0 victory at Chelsea made Dalglish the first player-manager to take his side to a First Division championship, he declared: "I have had tremendous help. That is the only reason I have been able to get through. We worked together to succeed and that's what matters. Everyone connected with the club can take pride in this achievement."

Chairman John Smith was not prepared to let Dalglish escape the accolades. "This confirms my view that Kenny Dalglish is the best player we have signed this century and that one of the best decisions the club ever made was to appoint him player-manager at the end of last season." he said. "After the Heysel Stadium incident this club has come back and we are now within an ace of winning the double. I think it's a tremendous achievement and shows a lot of character. The tragedy of Brussels was a spur to do better things.

"I'm very proud for Liverpool as a club but, having said that, I have to pay tribute to our supporters who have stood by us. When you consider the gates this season, you can see they've been very loyal. I'm very pleased we've won the League for them."

"Kenny Dalglish is the best player we have signed this century"

One of football's more endearing cliches states that teams which sport the red of Anfield will never settle for second best, never surrender so much as a late consolation goal to an opponent without a fight. Doing justice to this, their 16th Championship win, is very, very difficult. Written off as has-beens, as yesterday's men. They gave new meaning to a word so often utilised alongside neighbours Everton, resilience. It is a success built on sheer guts and self-belief, a quite monumental feat which stands proudly alongside anything achieved in their illustrious past.


Liverpool's huge following at Chelsea

Having finished last season universally condemned in the wake of the horrifying Heysel Stadium tragedy, Liverpool needed two things from what was certain to be a season of transition – success and an almost polite low profile. With Dalglish in the managerial hotseat the second objective was always going to be the easier. A man of precious few words but a ruthless streak, the Scot has stamped both his authority and his own distinctive personality all over the present side.

Having made a solid if unspectacular start to the season Liverpool moved towards Christmas without once giving the impression they were capable of halting the progress of the runaway leaders, Manchester United. The New Year brought with it fresh hope but dreams of regaining the league crown seemed to have been finally dashed in February – a month which contained just one solitary win and that an FA Cup replay success against the minnows of York City. Everton went to Anfield on February 22, won with alarming ease and unwittingly awakened a slumbering giant.

Stung by criticism, Liverpool's football began to flow. They swept back into belated contention on a tidal wave of goals, hammering five past Birmingham and Coventry and six past Oxford. The wrongs were put right, the on-field arrogance returned with a positive vengeance and points were amassed at a quite phenomenal rate. Liverpool picked up 34 points out of 36 on the run-in.

Any side capable of extending a purple patch to cover two months deserves to win the championship.



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KOP THAT AND THAT!

Blues' day of double despair: Reds find clinical touch as Everton blow final chance. Report by Ian Ross, Daily Post

I am confident Howard Kendall won't mind me revealing an amusing if, in retrospect, a highly prophetic tale he unfolded just minutes after his Everton side had cruised through into a third consecutive FA Cup Final at the expense of Sheffield Wednesday.

Sipping a well-watered scotch in the Villa Park annexe, he informed a back-slapping press corps that 24 hours earlier a man he knew to be a devout Evertonian had made his way up to the club's training ground. Having donned his most impressive lost puppy-look, the diehard Goodison regular announced he would be willing the Yorkshiremen to victory. His statement was based upon the illogical

logic which continues to make football supporters very singular people.

Knowing all too well that Liverpool would encounter precious few problems in overturning Southampton at White Hart Lane, this curious yet endearing individual said he couldn't bear the prospect of a derby defeat beneath the twin towers. While appreciating his beloved Everton would have a fair chance of landing the Cup at the expense of the old enemy, he believed it just wasn't worth the risk. If you dig deep enough I suppose there is some warped logic there.

As I write the man in question is quite probably still locked away in some North London drinking den, lamenting the fall of his heroes and desperately trying to erase Saturday May 10, 1986 from his memory. He shouldn't feel too downhearted because the aftermath of the first-ever Merseyside Cup Final is certainly no time for morbid reflection.

He should be proud, as should everyone who can lay claim to the broad title 'scouser', of the city's two magnificent football teams. He should rejoice at the moving comradeship displayed over the weekend and he should be eternally grateful he wasn't born in Manchester where long-term success is something remembered only by those who require sticks to aid their journey to either Old Trafford or Maine Road.

The man who coined that most over-used of sporting cliches which states Wembley is no place for losers hit the nail right on the head. Everton were beyond consoling as Alan Robinson's piercing whistle brought down the curtain on a match I personally found totally absorbing.

As Kenny Dalglish and his superb side embraced to signal an historic, stunning double, the blue-shirted warriors who had craved a silver lining to what had been a season full of hope, crumbled to the turf. They had



blown it and they knew it. They had let Liverpool off the hook and they knew it. They had foolishly provided the spark to light a fire which was to totally envelope them. And they knew it.

When Liverpool struck back Everton were, for all intents and purposes, in command. They had taken the lead and seemed destined to more than double their advantage when, in an almost masochistic manner, they presented a distinctly out-of-sorts opponent with an escape route. Liverpool are past-masters at exploiting weaknesses; well versed in how to dig holes and then scale their way, firstly to safety, and then to victory.

The general feeling afterwards was that had Everton adopted what would have been an untypical defensive policy in a bid to protect their lead, they would possibly have held out. Liverpool were simply not playing well and poor performances have been few and far between since Christmas.



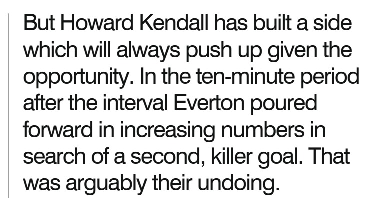
Friend . . . or foe ?

Face-to-face fury that ended in a victory jig

Sad skipper's lament on the agony of finishing second



Everton's early celebrations and, above, Craig Johnston beats Gary Stevens to the ball to put Liverpool 2-1 up



But Howard Kendall has built a side which will always push up given the opportunity. In the ten-minute period after the interval Everton poured forward in increasing numbers in search of a second, killer goal. That was arguably their undoing.

Having shaded the opening period they had shaken off the disappointment of not being granted a penalty in the 18th minute (Steve Nicol did appear to hold back Graeme Sharp as he attempted to reach Gary Stevens' cross) to make the breakthrough after 28 minutes. Peter Reid's inspired long pass sent Gary Lineker charging free down the centre with Alan Hansen in pursuit. The England striker inevitably won the chase, hitting his first shot against Bruce Grobbelaar, the rebound into the corner of an unguarded net.

Everton's highly impressive post-



break purple patch was climaxed by a neat move which ended when Kevin Sheedy drove fractionally wide of a post. The shot was delivered with his right foot – the one he usually reserves for maintaining balance.

Thereafter Liverpool found cohesion and rhythm. They began to string moves together, began to work as a unit and began to threaten. A truly remarkable side, they spent several minutes exerting their new-found authority before turning the screw.

After 57 minutes Gary Stevens gave the ball to Ronnie Whelan who fed Jan Molby. The big Dane lurched forward before delivering the sweetest of passes into the path of Ian Rush who rounded Mimms before sliding home. Five minutes later the same two players joined forces to completely outwit a stricken defence and set up Johnston who gleefully smashed home from close range.

Liverpool's back-from-the-dead operation was complete six minutes from the end when Rush, who squandered the chance of a hat-trick in injury-time, drove home Whelan's beautifully judged chip.

Football can be a very cruel game but justice was undoubtedly done in the end.

EVERTON: Mimms, Steven, Van den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Lineker, Sharp, Bracewell, Sheeedy. Sub: Heath (72 mins for Stevens).

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar, Nicol, Beglin, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish Johnston, Rush, Molby, MacDonald. Sub: McMahon.

REFEREE: Alan Robinson.

ATT: 98,000.



Molby celebrates with two-goal hero Rush

They're sitting on top of the world: Dalglish and co's double delight. By Roy Hayes and John Osborne

Kenny Dalglish ignored his reputation as the most reticent man in British football to toast Liverpool's fabulous double. The normally dry Scot gave the display of delight worthy of any Hogmanay. And who could blame him? The FA Cup winner's medal at Wembley – the first to go to a player-manager – completed what must be the most amazing honours collection held by any current footballer.

He already had three European Cup medals, six League triumphs, four League Cups, the MBE, the freedom of Glasgow and 100 Scottish caps before Saturday. But to do the League & Cup double in his first season in charge was surely too much of a fairy story?

Even Dalglish found it hard to take in as he emerged from the dressing-room. "I have to keep pinching myself to believe it has really happened. I'm absolutely delighted, not just for myself but for the lads and the backroom staff. They had a tremendous attitude and commitment and on the second half showing we were worthy winners. We wobbled a bit, but Ian Rush's first goal steadied us and we just kept playing and hoping for the best. When you have Rushie playing like that you always have a chance."

He had words of comfort for his rivals who saw both honours slip from their grasp and end up across Stanley Park. "Everton can't have too much wrong with them if they've finished second in the League and runners-up in the Cup. Both sides and their supporters were a credit to Merseyside."

But Dalglish left Wembley admitting he has one major problem on his mind: "How do you follow that?"

Liverpool's re-emergence in fairy-tale style under rookie boss Dalglish has been nothing short of spectacular. To achieve the first part of the double they took 34 points out of 36 in the run-in to the championship, enabling Dalglish to become the first player-manager to win it. And the man even scored the goal at Chelsea which hammered the first nail into Everton's coffin.

If that isn't enough now he has managed to achieve what only three other clubs have done – Preston in 1889, Arsenal and Spurs since the turn of the century – an elusive League and FA Cup double.

Liverpool captain Alan Hansen was bubbling with tongue-in-cheek humour. "We've not had that much success at Liverpool so we were due something eventually," he joked. And regarding his 'rivalry' with player-manager Dalglish over team leadership, he said: "Kenny took the honours on Tuesday and got in ahead of me to collect the League championship, but there was no way he was going up the steps first today. He didn't get a goal today. He didn't even shoot! I couldn't believe it and when I get back down to the dressing-room I am going to tell him he should retire!

"They got more tired than us. I thought they were going to bury us at the start of the second half. But we came fighting back. That's what Liverpool are all about."

Jan Molby, the driving force behind Liverpool's dramatic second-half surge, was overjoyed. Speaking in his native Danish to foreign reporters and in English almost in the same breath, he said: "The FA Cup is like nothing else in the world. The atmosphere is unbelievable and I am just glad to have been part of what is a great day for Liverpool as a club and Merseyside as a whole."

And so another chapter in the amazing Merseyside story comes to an end with the prospect of another special Wembley day when the two clubs renew their battle in the Charity Shield. On this form it's difficult to envisage anyone breaking the Scouse stranglehold which has dominated English soccer.




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THE HOMECOMING

FAN-tastic 250,000 times over: carnival time as masses bring city to halt. By Chris Eakin, Daily Post

The city of Liverpool went Cup crazy yesterday. A quarter of a million people took to the streets to stage their own mammoth carnival celebration.

They brought everything to a halt. It was as if word had got round of the second coming of the Messiah. Some fell to their knees as the mass worship became too much. The race for vantage points led to the fittest climbing on to church roofs and onto crucifix tombstones.

It was all for Merseyside's God-like heroes. FA Cup and League champions Liverpool had joined forces with Everton to stage the first ever joint homecoming from a big match. Twenty four hours earlier the two great rivals had battled at Wembley Stadium for the FA Cup. Liverpool won 3-1.

Their agreement to come home side by side was a gesture badly needed by a game and city bruised in the last year. Memories of Brussels were put aside as the two teams boarded the same British Airways Boeing 757 in Heathrow yesterday lunchtime.

Touch-down in Liverpool was accompanied fittingly by over-the-top razzmatazz. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, assembled inside a ring of red and blue streamers on the airport apron, burst into a medley of *Here We Go* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*. Leaders of Liverpool City Council greeted the celebrity passengers as they stepped onto home tarmac. Councillor Derek Hatton cut a dash in his Henley regatta outfit. He turned a few heads with his white shoes, grey turned-up slacks and light blue shoulder-padded jacket. Clown Bruce Grobbelaar swaggered past the Press corps looking more like a stand-up comedian than Liverpool's goalkeeper.

There was a quick civic reception in the airport's new terminal before each squad boarded its own open-top bus ready for an 18-mile tour laughingly scheduled to take two hours. A crate of Holsten Pils was hurriedly loaded onto the Liverpool bus.

More than 20 police motorcyclists escorted the motorcade into Speke Hall Avenue. Bang on cue, the heavens opened. But heavy rain was not going to drive the teams off the top decks. Liverpool players began a chorus of *Singing In The Rain*.

"There was no room left so they stood on parked cars and bus stops"

From the very first yard an ecstatic crowd drummed up a deafening roar. There was no room left on the pavements. They climbed onto telephone boxes and bus stop shelters. They stood on parked cars. They set off burglar alarms as they scrambled onto factory and house roofs. No traffic light, signpost or tree stood alone. It was the same for virtually the entire 18 miles around the city before finishing an almost complete circle at Aigburth Vale.

Every face, young and old, was wrought with excitement. A glimpse of their footballing heroes meant the world to them. A line of boys and girls sat perched on a seven feet high mesh fence topped with barbed wire. Others stood perilously on bridge walls towering over railway lines. They slipped around crumbling chimney pots on top of the highest of buildings.

The flower seller outside Springfield cemetery abandoned his stall to get closer. Even mourning relatives at a graveside lifted their sorrowful heads to wave. They couldn't help but smile. Allerton Golf Course swung to a halt as the golfers dashed to the hedgeside. Houses were bedecked in red and blue. Buses stopped so driver and passengers alike could yell out of the windows.

Fans risked life and limb as they dodged the police outriders just so they could touch a window. Even three nuns dived to rescue an Everton banner from the road. Ambulances rushed to Queens' Drive, Walton, where five fans were injured when an asbestos bus stop roof collapsed. No one was seriously injured. Several Everton players seized on the hold-up to knock at the front door of 412 Richard Kelly Drive and use the toilet.

The crowds at Scotland Road took action when they decided the motorcade was going too fast. They swarmed in front of the Liverpool bus and continuously brought it to a halt. Three supporters climbed to the top of a six feet high tombstone for a better view.

The motorcade was a full hour late by the time it had pushed its way through to the thousands waiting at Aigburth. Delighted Kenny Dalglish said: "It was unbelievable. It was the best homecoming I have ever seen. There were thousands of Evertonians around. It was nice." Everton manager Howard Kendall agreed: "The blue-and white turn-out has been incredible. It probably makes you even more determined for next year."



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SNAP CHAT

Rosie White isn't just a Liverpool Ladies footballer – she's an artist, photographer, blogger and poet, too

Liverpool Ladies forward Rosie White is a footballer with a hinterland. As well as being a creative spark on the pitch, the New Zealand international is a hub of artistry off it.

Rosie's online blog has been a medium to show off her wide range of talents from poetry and musings to artwork and photography. "I've always been quite creative and loved doing creative stuff," she explains. "That's always been my thing but I've always had football too and the other interests have always been a sideline."

She is developing her knowledge with a postgraduate diploma in photography. "It's an online course which is great as it gives me the freedom to study when I have free time. I had been hoping to study art at university in New Zealand but then I got offered a scholarship in America [UCLA] and changed my direction a little bit. It wasn't really possible to do art there so I studied for a degree in sociology.

"I've always explored artistic things as a hobby so I was keen to sign up for this course. It's supposed to be a one-year thing but it will take me two years because I'm doing it from distance. I've been studying for almost 12 months now and I really enjoy it. It's a lot of fun."

The syllabus has seen Rosie hone different aspects of photography from business to leisure. "Quite a lot of it has been around small business which is something I wasn't so aware of, but it's been cool learning and it's made me want to try different things. That's why I wanted to start a blog."

The Ladies no13 admits to being a whirlpool of ideas and hopes her hobby will benefit others. "I've come up with a new idea which I am advertising on social media called White Rose. I would like to connect with charities and produce pieces of art for them and then donate the profits to them. That is something we're looking at and getting some inspiration. I've found one charity that is quite interested. I've got a print that they want to sell on their website so we're going to do 30 copies and then get some t-shirts designed with the same print and then sell that on my own website too. It hasn't really developed yet. It's still a fresh idea and a bit of fun and it keeps me busy when I'm not playing football!

"A friend is helping me build a website at the moment so hopefully that will be a place where I can put stuff and also market things that I want to sell. I have an idea of it being a hub where maybe other people's art could be showed off too.

"An online model was probably the easiest thing to do as football is my career at the moment, but the website can always be there on the side and





Tussling with Chelsea's Hannah Blundell

Rosie's poem I Am You

I am you
And you are too
What made me
Made you too, you see
But if I am you and you are me
Who are we supposed to be?
If my eyes blinked brown not blue
Would I see the same as you?
If skin was colourless or we were colour-blind
What would we see then, what would we find?
Should I try to stand more like you?
Walk in a shadow and stand in a queue
I try to be like you and you try to be like me
We walk in circles chasing tails to a point we cannot see
Are we the same me and you?
I look at you and I see straight through
Am I you am I a character in a fairy tale
Am I a novel, am I a story, am I for sale?
The best thing is... I'm not like you.
I am not hers or his... I am human tissue
My hair, my skin, my smell, my soul
Is my own character and in my own control
I am myself separate from yourself
They are themselves, ourselves on bookshelves
I am different in all ways but one
We are human, we are someone

I can keep adding to it. I like the idea of having a website where it all ties together and I can write my blogs and put stories on about other people. I would also like to take photos of kids or people in the community then sell artwork that can make money for them or to do something cool, whether that be connected with football or whatever it is. That's an idea that I like. There are loads of ideas floating around!"

The 22-year-old pursues her interests quietly and says that her blog was a surprise to some of her Liverpool team-mates. However, she has enlisted the help of colleagues Natasha Harding and Martha Harris for some of her projects and says her fellow Reds have been extremely supportive.

"I haven't talked too much about it. The girls that I'm close with know that's what I do and what I'm into, but since I started the White Rose and the social-media side of it they've all been really supportive and have been pretty keen to help out. Tash and Martha have done a few photo-shoots with me.

"The boyfriend of one of our goalkeepers Danielle Gibbons is an actor who needs some profile photos taking and I've said I'll do them for him so that's quite exciting. I've never done anything official like that before so I might need some practice first though!"

There is one other pending piece of coursework that Rosie admits to being a little nervous about! "One of the big assignments is wedding photography. There are two projects that I have to do but I haven't done any event photography at all. I don't know how I'm going to find a wedding in Liverpool but I will have to sort something. Maybe I can be someone's back-up – I wouldn't want to be the only one there!"

As well as capturing life through a lens, Rosie is also gifted at drawing and recently produced a portrait with a difference of team captain Gemma Bonner. "I've always liked doodling and that's a doodly sort of picture. I've been doing heaps of things like that recently – it looks complicated but really it's just about drawing lots of lines and making it look detailed. It's actually quite simple. Gemma came up with the idea to do a picture and then give it away as a prize on Instagram. People seemed to show a bit of interest in it which was great."

Rosie's blog whiterosenz.blogspot.co.uk also features photos of her team-mates. She describes the blog as "an eclectic collection of everything and anything that takes my fancy. I like writing and poetry and I have a bunch of stuff that is just sitting around so it's nice to have somewhere to put it.

Words: William Hughes

“With White Rose I’d like to produce pieces of art for charities”

“I gain inspiration from people and places – seeing pretty things. At yoga, people have had little quotes and little mantras and I like to share them on the blog too. People always have something to add.”

The New Zealand international, who hopes to compete at this summer’s Olympic Games in Brazil, admits to having been inspired by living in Liverpool and hopes to expand her work into a fully interactive website in the months ahead.

“Liverpool’s such a cool city. I like the Independent Liverpool side of it. There’s so many cool independent coffee shops and I think that’s inspired me a little, especially because I’m new to the city and I just wanted to get out and see stuff! I’d happily spend hours walking around the city just looking at things.

“I really like Sefton Park and I enjoy hanging out in the city. Bold Street is my favourite street with lots of independent shops. The waterfront is cool too. You can cycle pretty much from my house in Garston down to the waterfront and to the city. I like that and I feel at home being close to the water. It’s pretty much impossible to avoid the coast in New Zealand!

“There’s also a big arts centre in town, the Bluecoat Centre, which I love. I can just go and hang out there and they run lots of workshops and I’ve been to quite a few. I’ve done a little bit of architecture stuff on my course too and there are a lot of nice historic buildings around Liverpool, more than there would be in New Zealand. I didn’t think I would enjoy that side of things but I have. Maybe it’s more interesting when you don’t know the city as much.

“Whenever I have spare time I enjoy cruising around and doing that sort of stuff. It’s actually been quite fun for me because it’s the first time that I haven’t really had any other commitments outside of football so I’ve had time to explore different things and I think that’s why my creative side has taken over a little bit. It’s been fun!”

One of the many projects Rosie has been working on is a children’s book in which she aims to bring her love of writing, poetry, drawing and photography together.

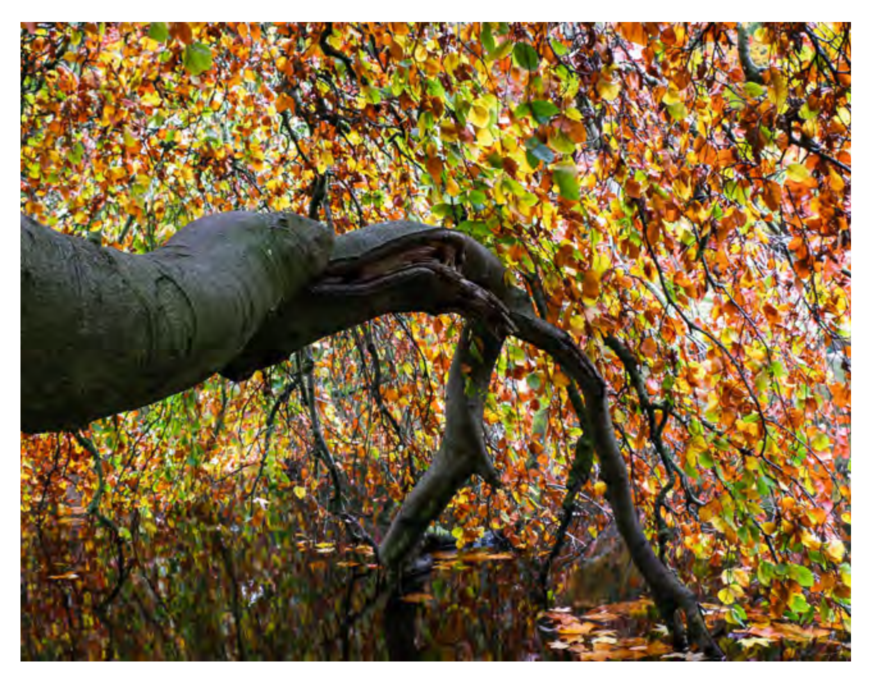
“My brother came up with the idea,” she says. “He had just ordered this cool kids book from this Australian guy which was a surfing book and he said ‘Oh, you should write one about a little girl football player’ so I just went with it!

“I’ve got the story and some images that I’ve drawn and photographs that I’ve taken as well, so hopefully I can turn it into a real thing. I’ve got it sitting in a file saved on my computer. It’s a rhyming story so the poetry came into it too. Maybe it will be out one day!”



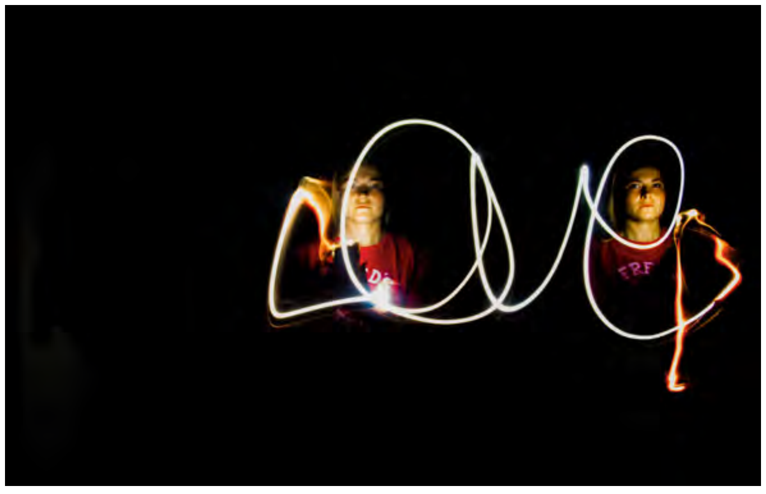
Some of Rosie's artwork













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Didi Hamann

It's time to recruit – and this summer Liverpool definitely have the pulling power

Football clubs are forever building or re-building teams – the process never stops no matter what you achieve. Even if you do win something you always need to try to improve the squad as your rivals will be doing exactly that.

Right now Liverpool clearly have some improvements to make if the club is to move up the league table and put together a sustained challenge for the top four next season. To do that you need a squad of talented players. There are some of those present already; now more need to be added.

When I arrived in the summer of 1999 Gerard Houllier was trying to do something similar. He'd taken over from Roy Evans and already had a group of talented lads such as Michael Owen, Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher whom he needed to complement with shrewd signings.

The first batch of players he brought in included Sami Hyypia, Stephane Henchoz, Vladimir Smicer, Titi Camara, Sander Westerveld and Erik Meijer. Obviously not all of that half-a-dozen new arrivals worked out. However, seeing so many players come in is exciting for the fans. It shows the club really wants to progress.

Of those I've mentioned Sami and Stephane became key men. Neither were high-profile players. They weren't the big names or superstars supporters often demand or dream of. Instead, they were solid professionals who slotted in quickly.

Everybody can see who the top-class players are. It's spotting those who might not be so obvious, like Hyypia and Henchoz, that is often the difference for a team. That's why recruitment is so important. The amount of money in the Premier League right now means lots of teams will be chasing the same targets. It's not just the top four – others further down the league are recruiting very well, too, sides such as Stoke and Crystal Palace. So if you can identify somebody and get the deal done quickly it makes a huge impact.

The only problem is it requires time. You have to ensure the individual will fit into the squad, that he is the right character. That's a difficult task because you don't want too many of the same types in a dressing-room. You need a good mix of quiet lads and mavericks to get the correct blend.

"Liverpool and Klopp are an attractive proposition to play for"

This summer Jürgen Klopp will be working hard to make sure he adds to his squad. Obviously winning the Europa League and gaining a Champions League place would make that task easier. But if it doesn't happen, the run in the Europa League and the nature of the victories, with some fabulous nights at home, will have made many players take notice. They'll realise that Liverpool seem to be improving and being part of that is an attractive proposition. The same applies to Klopp: players will want to work under him because he is such an impressive manager.

There is also the proposition of playing alongside certain individuals. Steven Gerrard was a massive attraction in the past. Now it's Philippe Coutinho and, if you can keep him fit, Daniel Sturridge. Or, if you could sign somebody of the quality of Mario Gotze that could sway the opinion of other top players. With a few comings and goings certain, it's sure to be an interesting transfer window at Anfield.

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The boss will definitely look to improve the squad this summer

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Neil Mellor

The bond between players and fans has led to a European final

Cup finals and the opportunity to win medals is what you are in football for. You want to be the best you can be as an individual, but you also want to experience the big occasions, the special moments and create memories you'll have for the rest of your life.

Liverpool's players now have the chance to do all that in the Europa League final against Sevilla in Basel. There will be a huge buzz about the club now, and while you will always hear that preparations for a cup final are the same as for any other match, they're actually completely different – especially at a mental level.

The players will know both a winner's medal and Champions League qualification will be achieved by winning a one-off game and they won't be able to get away from the excitement among Liverpool supporters in the build-up. That's a mental test they must deal with.

There will be a sharpness about the squad on the Melwood training pitch, too, but the lads will also be thinking 'there's a big game around the corner' so there won't be too many challenges flying in as every one of them will want to be available for what will be a huge moment in their careers.

I've said before I don't like the format of the Europa League and holding the final in a stadium that only holds 35,000 also belittles it. This isn't a non-league cup final, it's to win the Europa League, and is another way of devaluing the tournament in addition to the long-winded group-stage and allowing Champions League 'failures' to join at the knockout stage. That said, the reward of Champions League qualification is a brilliant incentive to win it and something the Liverpool players will be desperate to secure.

Sevilla will also be thinking the same and having won the Europa League in 2014 and 15 they'll want to make history by becoming the first team to win it three times in a row. They've gained a reputation in this competition. But I would also say that Manchester United, Borussia Dortmund (the best side in the competition) and Villarreal, who we've previously knocked out, are all stronger sides than Sevilla.

"There is a real sense of we're all in it together"

They also have to play the Spanish Cup final against Barcelona on the Sunday after the Europa League final whereas Liverpool's sole priority is our match in Basel. Hopefully that works in our favour.

Two big advantages we've also got is having Jürgen Klopp as our manager and what this club has achieved in the past. Just the name 'Liverpool' will create fear amongst the Sevilla players. They'll see Liverpool red banners draped all over St Jakob-Park and hear how noisy our fans are. That has to be intimidating.

Look at Villarreal. They were clearly intimidated by the Anfield atmosphere and the occasion. They were completely overawed and my hope is that Liverpool's reputation, and Klopp's reputation for winning big games and trophies, will be on the Sevilla players' minds as they walk out onto the pitch on 18 May.

Klopp said he wanted to turn us all from "doubters to believers" when he was appointed and one of the best things he has done is create a connection between himself, the players and the Liverpool supporters – something that is generally missing in modern-day football.

There's a real sense of 'we're all in it together' under Klopp and I saw it against Villarreal when their manager, Marcelino, told Jürgen's assistant Zeljko Buvac to sit down. Klopp turned around and told him: no, we're in this together, he stands shoulder-to-shoulder with me.

Leicester City proved this season what being together can achieve in football and I sense the same togetherness with Klopp at Liverpool. When he get his own players in to create a team in his own identity it's quite exciting to think what could be achieved. But first we want to see the UEFA Cup paraded around Liverpool...

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The welcome awaiting the team before the Villarreal second leg



CLUB

Anfield redevelopment latest plus great summer gift ideas for young Reds

A fascinating artist's impression of how one of the concourses at Anfield will look following the fantastic Main Stand expansion. Approximately how many new seats will be added to the ground's capacity once the stand reopens? (a) 8,500 (b) 9,500 (c) 10,500?

Answer on p98

DIG THE DUGOUT

Introducing a new style of football hospitality – at Anfield from next season



The view from The Anfield Dugout

As the Main Stand redevelopment swiftly progresses, Liverpool Football Club has revealed an exciting hospitality opportunity that promises to be among the best in the Premier League. It's a brand new style of hospitality, and it's called The Anfield Dugout.

The latest and final addition to the already impressive suite of hospitality offerings at Anfield is a bright and social sports bar that will feature street food and live cook stations with mouthwatering flavours from around the world at each match. Perfect for the fan and business entertainer alike, the Dugout boasts a contemporary look that draws inspiration from classic Anfield and celebrates Liverpool FC greats.

The Dugout allows guests to enjoy the relaxed world-class hospitality before relishing in the famous Anfield atmosphere at every competitive home game, including all Premier League, domestic cup and European matches. Enjoying unrivalled panoramic pitch views, its members will watch games from their mid-tier seating on either side of the halfway line.

With the strictly limited packages starting from £2,900, with flexible payment options available, the Anfield Dugout offers fans their final chance to secure their place in one of the largest all-seater single stands in European football.

On target for completion later this year, the expanded Main Stand is set to comprise three tiers, a widened player tunnel, new team benches, media platform, wheelchair viewing positions and state-of-the-art facilities for fans inside.

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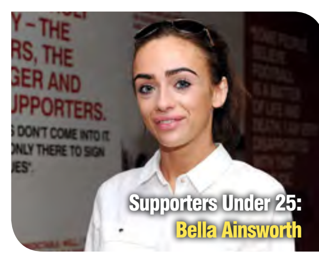
NEVER TALK ALONE

Who's who on this season's Liverpool FC Supporters Committee

The Liverpool FC Supporters Committee was set up to help improve communications between fans and the club, and its various members (including new appointments from this season) represent all of the major constituencies among the supporter base. Contact details are at liverpoolfc.com/fans/supporters-committee. You can also follow us on Twitter @LFCSupCom.


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International fans: Matthew Selby


LGBT Supporters: Paul Amann

Ladies stars at one of their school visits

ALTOGETHER NOW

Ladies stars celebrate special week by visiting local schools with club's official charity

Liverpool Ladies FC celebrated the recent FA Girls Football Week by visiting several schools in the North West alongside LFC Foundation to promote the women's game locally.

A host of players visited schools to join in with coaching sessions as well as participating in Q&As and providing free tickets for the Liverpool Ladies clash with Chelsea Ladies in the FA WSL. A number of the youngsters involved in the Girls in Football Week were also invited onto the pitch at half-time during the match with the reigning WSL champions.

Defender Shannon Beckwith assisted the Foundation with coaching throughout the week and visited Broadgreen High School, while England international Siobhan Chamberlain called into Lymm Rovers Juniors in Cheshire.

LFC Foundation then visited The Heath School in Runcorn before England midfielder Laura Coombs visited Cowley High with FA national development manager Rachel Pavlou also in attendance at the St Helens school. Wales captain Sophie Ingle was then joined by Reds no8 Coombs at Weatherhead High School in Wirral.

England goalkeeper Chamberlain said: "It is fantastic to see so many young girls getting involved with Girls in Football Week. I was really impressed by not only the standard of football on show but also the girls' knowledge about the game."

Welsh international captain Ingle added: "Women's football is developing brilliantly and is now becoming an established sport where females are now able to make a professional living from it. It is a real privilege for myself and the rest of the squad to be able to show our support for the Girls in Football Week and hope that women's football continues to go from strength to strength."

Head of Liverpool FC Foundation Andrea Cooper said: "This is another example of the great work that the LFC Foundation and its coaches carry out throughout the year. The women and girls programme is a really important part of the Foundation and helped to engage with over 1000 youngsters over the FA Girls Football Week."









Satara with some of tournament's young stars

SATARA AT ASCC

Ladies and England ace Murray attends tournament at Foundation HQ

Liverpool Ladies defender Satara Murray recently visited Anfield Sports Community Centre (ASCC) to show her support for Liverpool FC Foundation.

The Reds and England Under-23 centre-back attended the Foundation's Easter Football Tournament, with competitions running from Under-7s to Under-12s at the new state-of-the-art facility close to the Reds home ground, and afterwards she met the participants for a Q&A session.

LFC Foundation runs junior football tournaments to engage with local fans and offer football-development opportunities, and also showcase the level of professionalism that the Foundation is all about. All money raised from these events is used to develop and support Foundation activities in the local community.

"It's great to be able to attend the Easter Tournament in support of Liverpool FC Foundation," said Murray. "Competitions like this provide local youngsters with not only a chance to get active and develop their football skills but also an opportunity to socialise with children of a similar age. Some of the football on show was top-class and is a perfect example of the fantastic community work that Liverpool FC Foundation delivers."

Overall tournament winners:
U7s Glenhavon JFC; U8s Wilko JFC; U9s West Kirkby Wasps JFC; U10s Britannia juniors JFC; U11s & U12s Marshall JFC.



KOP SHOOT-OUT!

Local youngsters take part in Kick it Out event then get to take penalties at Anfield

Participants from Liverpool FC Foundation's Kicks programme recently took part in the annual Kick It Out event which brings together young people to raise awareness of issues surrounding equality, discrimination and racism.

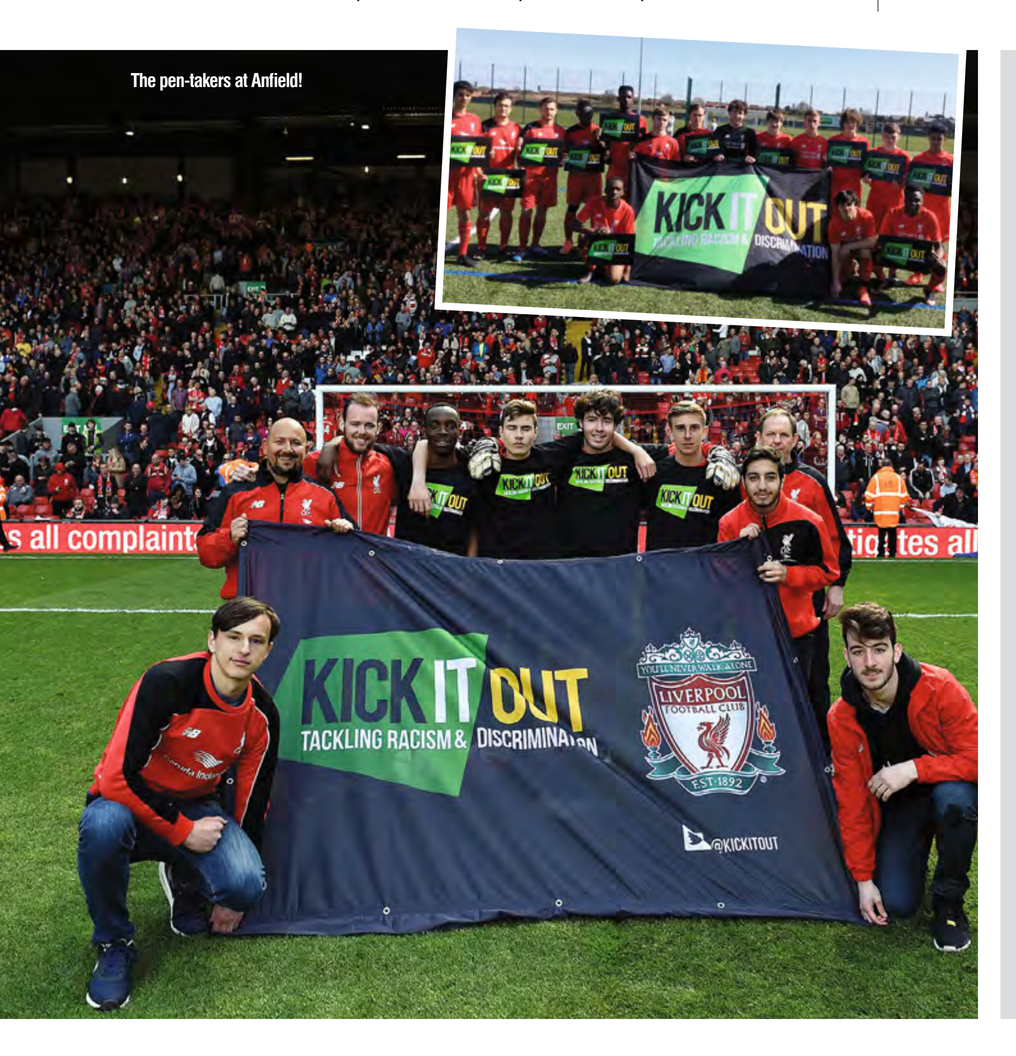
Anfield Sports & Community Centre (ASCC) hosted a football tournament alongside the club's official charity with teams from LFC Foundation College Kicks Under-17's Development team and Newcastle United taking part. This was fitting as it was held prior to the Premier League fixture with the Magpies at Anfield on 23 April.

The event offered participants a chance to take part in competitive football as well as workshops highlighting how important it is to eradicate discrimination within the local community and beyond. Four lucky participants from Foundation's development squad then went on to take part in a half-time pitch activity at Anfield during the game against Newcastle. Cameron Duffy, Callum Hanlon, Darren Mbele and Lewey Smyth showcased their skills and competed in an American-style penalty shoot-out competition. It was a fantastic experience for the four youngsters who took their spot-kicks in front of the Kop.

Callum Hanlon, 17, has been an active member of the Foundation's Kicks programme for the past three years. Having successfully secured a place at Liverpool FC Foundation College he recently made the squad which flew to the USA to take part in the Dallas Cup, and he's also a member of our Under-17 development squad.

Callum has thrived and is using these experiences to pursue a long-term career in sport. "I have benefited massively from the high standard of training and competitive matches I've played in as a representative for both Kicks and the LFC Foundation College," he says. "Stepping out onto the pitch at Anfield gave me goosebumps and scoring in front of the Kop was a dream-come-true and a memory that will stay with me forever."

Want to get involved in your local Kicks session? Please email kicks@liverpoolfc.com.



The pen-takers at Anfield!

FOODBANKS UPDATE

Conceived by local Liverpool FC and Everton FC supporters groups, *Fans Supporting Foodbanks* is a joint-collaboration which has seen a mobile food collection bank hosted both at Anfield and Goodison on matchdays. Fans have been able to donate much-needed food supplies at every home game at the mobile collection point located in the Centenary Stand Car Park: basic in-date, non-perishable items such as milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (cartons), soup, pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereal, rice-pudding (tinned), instant mashed potato, rice and pasta, and tinned meat and fish. Please help feed local people in need – and thank you once again!



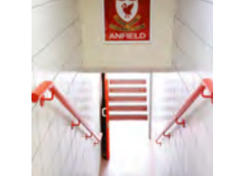
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QUIZ ANSWERS: FOOTBALL p19: Daniel scored 26 of his first 50 goals for Liverpool at Anfield. Eight of them came in front of the Kop with 18 finding the back of the net at the Anfield Road end. **CLUB p87:** When the new Main Stand expansion is complete, there will be an additional 8,500 seats at Anfield, taking the stadium capacity to around 54,000.

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